

Government: Times Square bomber plotted 2nd attack

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NEW YORK — The man who planted a car bomb in Times Square boasted that he thought it would kill at least 40 people and that he planned to detonate a second bomb two weeks after the first, prosecutors said Wednesday, quoting the former financial analyst in a video where he said he'd hoped "to join my brothers in jihad" ever since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Faisal Shahzad should get life in prison when he is sentenced Oct. 5, prosecutors said in a filing, arguing that he "had every intention of delivering a powerful and terrorizing strike to the heart of New York City."

The government noted that Shahzad showed no remorse when he pleaded guilty on June 21 after confessing to investigators.

In fact, prosecutors wrote, "he spoke with pride about what he and his coconspirators had done."

Included in the government submission to the sentencing judge in U.S. District Court in Manhattan was a 40-minute video in which Shahzad fires a machine gun in what appears to be the mountains of Pakistan as he announces that he has met members of the Pakistan Taliban and has decided "we are going to raise an attack inside America."

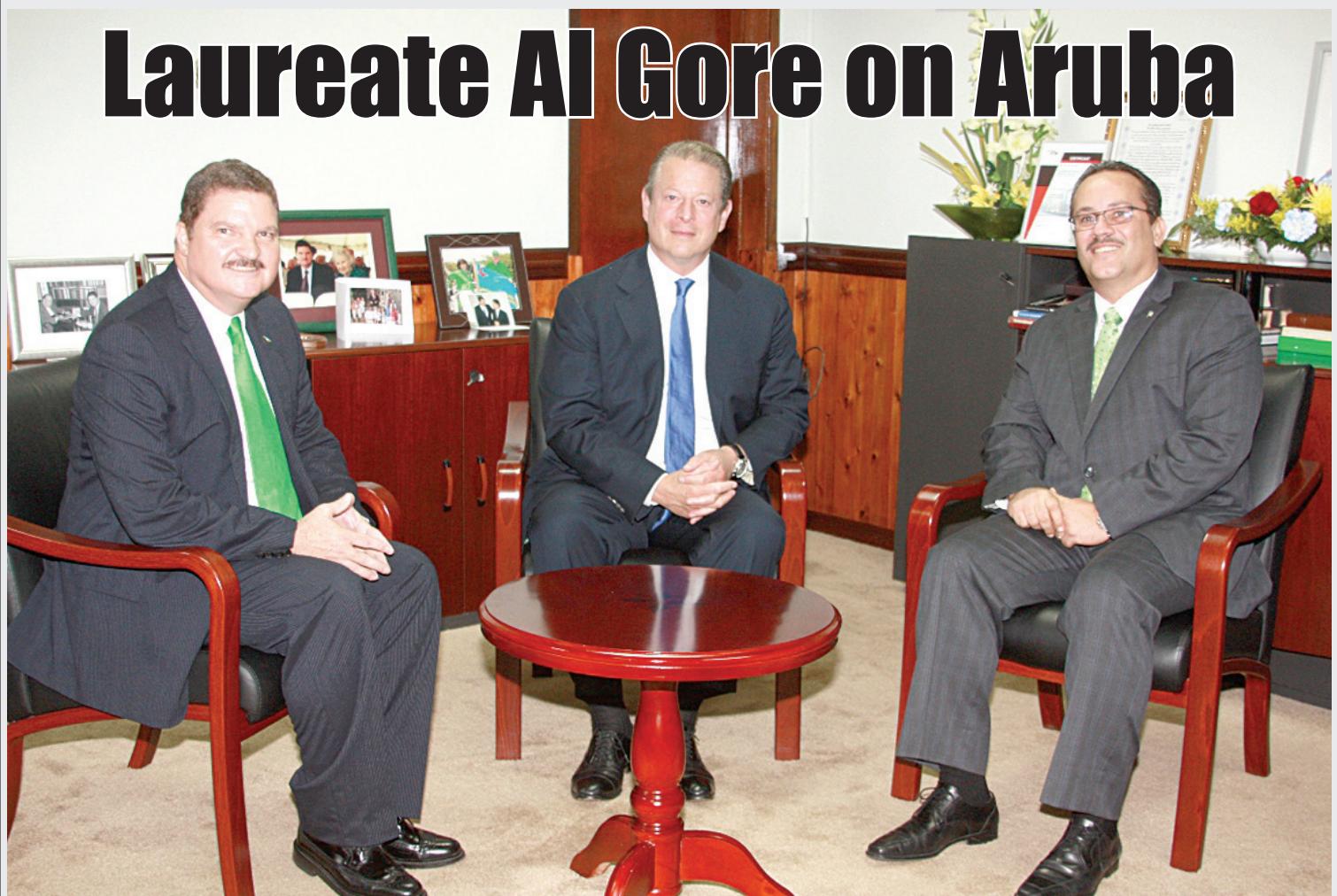
Prosecutors also included a video of the government's explosion of a bomb the size of Shahzad's, saying the results in a Pennsylvania field show the attack would have been "devastating to the surrounding area" had it succeeded.

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2 known dead, 12 missing after storm soaks Jamaica

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Vice President & Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore on Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Immediately following the arrival of former U.S. vice president & Nobel Prize laureate Al Gore, visited Aruba's representative of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, His Excellency Governor Fredis Refunjol. After a brief conversation, Al Gore walked down the street

in Oranjestad to visit His Excellency Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman.

Gore is currently on the island as the main speaker for an international conference on "Green is Our Future". □

GOP'S DISHONESTY



President Barack Obama arrives at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico September 27, 2010. Obama sharply warned his core supporters to "buck up" and shake off their "lethargy" as Democrats stare at a looming hammering in legislative elections.

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Anti-austerity protests sweep Europe



Demonstrators march in Madrid on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. Spanish workers staged a general strike Wednesday to protest austerity measures imposed by a government struggling to slash its budget deficit and overcome recession.

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Osama bin Laden evidence readied at detainee trial



FILE - An undated file photo provided by the U.S. District Attorney's office shows Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani. Ghailani is described by federal authorities as a bomb maker, document forger and former bin Laden aide. He's charged with conspiring to kill Americans in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

(AP Photo/File)

By LARRY NEUMEISTER,
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NEW YORK - Prosecutors plan to give Osama bin Laden a starring role in the terrorism trial of the first Guantanamo

Bay detainee to be tried in civilian courts, a test case in the debate over whether suspects scooped up in the war against terrorism can be prosecuted like everyone else. Jury selection began Wednesday when 53 prospective jurors were introduced to the defendant, Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, who briefly turned toward the group in his light blue sweater over a white shirt and a dark tie. He has been described by federal authorities as a bomb maker, document forger and former bin Laden aide. He's charged with conspiring to kill Americans in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. The attacks killed 224 people, including a dozen Americans, and were widely viewed as a precursor to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The trial will be closely watched by those debating the feasibility of civilian trials of high-profile Guantanamo

detainees arrested around the world. Some were subjected to harsh interrogations at secret CIA-run camps where the gathering of trial evidence yielded to an immediate need to unearth terrorism threats. The government plans to use bin Laden's words, including a television interview in which he said U.S. civilians were targets of his holy war against the West, as evidence in Ghailani's trial.

"To establish that the defendant intended to kill Americans in particular, it is relevant that the leader of the conspiracy was emphatically and repeatedly directing his followers to, in fact, kill Americans," prosecutors wrote in court papers last week.

Ghailani was arrested in Pakistan in 2004 in connection with the Tanzania and Kenya bombings and taken to a secret CIA-run camp overseas. Though much of the litigation about his treatment there has been kept secret, the defense

divulged during a pretrial hearing that he was subjected to enhanced interrogation methods for 14 hours over five days.

In 2006, he was transferred to Guantanamo, where he remained until he was brought to New York for trial last year. His lawyers lost efforts to have the indictment against him dismissed on the grounds that he was subjected to a lengthy interrogation and detention. The judge found that the delays served compelling national security interests.

However, the judge warned prosecutors at a hearing Tuesday that he likely won't rule before opening statements on whether prosecutors can call as a witness a man who says he sold explosives to Ghailani. Prosecutor Michael Farbiarz said the man might be the government's most important witness. He might be excluded from the trial because he was discovered as a result of the interrogation of

Ghailani. Ghailani complained about his treatment in February 2009, writing in a petition that he'd been deprived of his liberty, denied access to the outside world and had been "a victim of the 'cruel enhanced interrogation' techniques." Ghailani has been heavily guarded in court and kept in solitary confinement in prison. Concerns about the costs of securing defendants at a courthouse blocks from ground zero led the Justice Department to reconsider a decision to try Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other terrorism suspects in Manhattan. Prosecutors want to introduce jurors to bin Laden in opening statements through threats he made against the U.S. and its citizens between 1996 and 1998. They cite two printed statements he made to a London-based Arabic-language newspaper and two television interviews bin Laden gave to U.S. networks.

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Through most of the first video, Shahzad is seated and quoting from the Quran but makes his intentions clear toward the end when he states: "I have been trying to join my brothers in jihad ever since 9/11 happened. I am planning to wage an attack inside America," prosecutors said.

Shahzad was arrested two days after his May 1 bomb attempt in tourist-filled Times Square, where the explosives he had packed into the back of a sports utility vehicle sputtered and failed to detonate.

Prosecutors said he tried to ignite the bomb before he abandoned the vehicle and that he was "prepared to conduct additional attacks until he was captured or killed." The government did not list other locations that Shahzad might have chosen as targets.

A lawyer for Shahzad did not immediately return a request for comment Wednesday.

Shahzad chose a warm Saturday evening to carry out his attack in a part of Times Square he believed would be most crowded based on streaming video of the world-famous tourist magnet that he'd looked at online, prosecutors said. He lit the fuse of his bomb, then left the vehicle to head to Grand Central terminal and, from there, his Connecticut home, pausing along the way to listen for the explosion that never came, the filing said.

A street vendor spotted smoke coming from the SUV and alerted police, who quickly cleared the area. The bomb attempt set off an intense investigation that culminated two days later with investigators plucking Shahzad off a Dubai-bound plane at a New York airport.

The government made clear that much of its information came from Shahzad, who waived his right not to incriminate himself.

Prosecutors quoted extensively from the video that they said was posted online by the Pakistan Taliban on July 14, titled "A brave effort by Faisal Shahzad to attack United States in its own Land."

Prosecutors said the video, which includes publicly released photographs taken in Times Square following the attempted bombing, includes a segment in which Shahzad explains that "jihad is one of the pillars upon which Islam stands" and later advises that "Jews and Christians have to accept Islam as a religion and if you don't do that, then you are bound to go in hellfire."

The Pakistan-born Shahzad, 30, pleaded guilty to 10 terrorism and weapons counts, some of which carry mandatory life sentences.

"I want to plead guilty and I'm going to plead guilty a hundred times forward," he said.

He defiantly called himself a Muslim soldier at the proceeding and warned that unless the U.S. leaves Muslim lands alone, "we will be attacking U.S., and I plead guilty to that." □

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Kids' science kits may take hit from safety ruling



This image provided by the HandsOn Science Partnership shows a generic science kit on Sept. 15, 2010, from a member of the Hands On Science Partnership, a coalition of companies dedicated to increasing the access students and teachers have to hands on science equipment.

(AP Photo/HandsOn Science Partnership)

By JENNIFER C. KERR,
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WASHINGTON — One of the tools that teachers use to get kids jazzed about science — hands-on science kits — could face an uncertain future amid a debate on safety.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has been mired for weeks in deliberation as it writes guidelines on what makes a product a "children's product" — and consequently which products would have to undergo more stringent safety testing. Caught up in the debate are those classroom science kits and some of the items they contain like paper clips to show kids how magnets work.

The science kit makers had asked for a testing exemption for the paper clips and some other materials. The commission declined to write the waiver they sought into the

guidance that CPSC approved Wednesday on a split, 3-2 vote.

The guidance is supposed to help sort out which products have to be tested under legislation passed by Congress over two years ago that requires rigorous safety checks for lead, chemicals, flammability and other potential dangers.

The science kit makers argue the paper clips, rulers and other items in the kits aren't harmful to children, would be too expensive to test, and shouldn't have to be tested because they are everyday items found in homes and schools that don't have to be tested if bought separately at retail.

A requirement to test, they say, would force them to refocus and market kits to older children instead of the 12-and-under crowd the law targets. After the vote, CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum

sought to reassure people that "there is nothing in this rule that bans science kits."

While it doesn't ban the kits, the manufacturers say it may crimp the supply of kits for elementary school children.

"If the first introduction a student has is seventh or eighth grade, you've lost them already," said Steve Alexander, business manager for the Hands On Science Partnership, based in Denver. The costs associated with "the testing requirements would far exceed the value of the materials in the kits," he said. The partnership is a coalition of companies that sell hands-on science educational materials.

Consumer advocates say they are sympathetic to the costs associated with the safety testing, but insist the tests must be done.

"The reason for this law is to ensure that products for children are safe," said Rachel Weintraub, director of product safety and senior counsel at the Consumer Federation of America. "The universe for where there is ambiguity on testing is a relatively small one."

The issue before the commission — coming up with a clearer definition of a children's product — has caused weeks of discussion, late-night meetings and some angst at CPSC, an agency charged with making sure that thousands of products on the market are safe. A vote on the issue has been bumped three times already. □

Obama: GOP hasn't been honest with Americans



President Barack Obama speaks during a discussion with neighborhood families in the backyard of the Clubb family in Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

By CHARLES BABINGTON,
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DES MOINES, Iowa — Arguing doggedly against returning Republicans to power, President Barack Obama told Iowa voters Wednesday that the GOP has been dishonest about what needs to be done to revive the economy and restore middle-class dreams.

"We can't pretend that there are shortcuts," the president said, addressing about 70 voters in a grassy backyard.

"When you look at the choice we face in this election coming up," Obama said, "the other side, what it's really offering is the same policies that from 2001 to 2009 put off hard problems and didn't really speak honestly to the American people about how we're gonna get this country on track over the long term."

Five weeks ahead of midterm elections that will determine whether Democrats retain control of Congress, Obama confronted stark voter angst. The first question he got was from a woman who said of her son, a recent college graduate, and his friends: "They are losing their hope which is a message you inspired them with."

Obama responded by citing a list of areas of optimism, ones she could tell her son about it. He said his government is providing more students loans, trying to encourage private job growth, and making tough decisions now that will help the country reclaim its rightful stand as the top leader in innovation and entrepreneurship.

Over the long term, the president assured, "their future will be fine."

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Obama spoke to about 70 people at the home of Jeff and Sandy Clubb. It's the second such "backyard discussion" he's holding in as many days as he tries to convince Americans to keep Democrats in power. The president will finish a four-state tour Wednesday afternoon with a meeting with voters in Richmond, Va.

In the Clubb backyard the president had a homey setting, with a birdfeeder and tiki torches visible on the lawn behind him. But his questioners, while polite, weren't always friendly, underscoring Democrats' challenge in winning votes in a troubled economy.

One man, who described himself as a small business owner manufacturing promotional items like T-shirts and lawn signs, criticized Obama's plans for allowing tax cuts on income over \$250,000 a year to expire.

"As the government gets more and more involved in business and more and more involved in taxes, what you're finding is you're strangling those job creation vehicles," the man said.

The president disputed that, saying he's already signed eight pieces of legislation providing small business tax cuts.

Showing some frustration, Obama said: "Your taxes haven't gone up in this administration. Your taxes have gone down in this administration. There's a notion that, well, he's a Democrat so your taxes must have gone up. That's just not true."

"I also have to make sure we're paying our bills" and not leaving debt for future generations, the president said.

A priest in the audience told Obama of a parishioner who lost his job in manufacturing and can't find a new one. The president said that some manufacturing jobs won't come back and the parishioner might need to develop new skills to work in growth sectors like clean energy.

Even in an election season, the president said, he can't always tell people what they want to hear. Moving forward will take "some tough but necessary adjustments," he said.

There is irony in Obama using Iowa as a venue to try to avert a Republican landslide. His victory in the January 2008 Iowa caucus put him on the path to the Democratic presidential nomination, and he carried the state comfortably that November against Republican John McCain.

But almost every state is a battleground in this fall's congressional elections, and Obama is devoting ever more time to campaigning for his party.

A rally he held Tuesday night at the University of Wisconsin came the closest so far to recapturing the enthusiasm of his 2008 drive to the White House. He implored young voters who backed him in 2008 to vote for Democrats this fall. □

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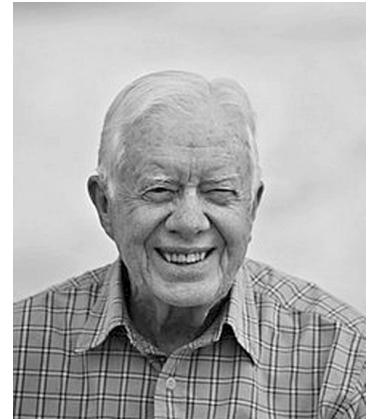
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Former US president Jimmy Carter, pictured in April 2010, was hospitalized Tuesday after developing an upset stomach on a flight, but is fine and is expected to resume his book tour next week, a spokeswoman said.

Jimmy Carter spend 2nd night in Ohio hospital

By THOMAS J. SHEERAN,
Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND — Former President Jimmy Carter spent a second night in an Ohio hospital for additional medical observation after being whisked from an airplane to an emergency room with an upset stomach.

"President Carter is in very good spirits, appreciates all the good wishes being sent his way, and looks forward to getting back to his busy schedule," hospital officials said in a statement released Wednesday by MetroHealth Medical Center.

Hospital spokeswoman Susan Christopher declined to say whether Carter's condition had worsened since he was admitted for stomach problems on Tuesday morning. The 85-year-old ex-president became ill during a Delta Air Lines flight from Atlanta to Cleveland, causing rescue crews to rush him to the hospital after the plane landed.

Carter's medical team recommended that he stay a second night for additional monitoring, Christopher said. Earlier Wednesday, hospital officials said Carter was feeling normal and continued to be observed by doctors.

On Tuesday, Carter's grandson, Georgia state Sen. Jason Carter, said his grandfather was doing fine. □



Gunman wounds 2 officers at Neb. hospital; is shot

By TIMBERLY ROSS,
Associated Press Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — A gunman opened fire at an Omaha hospital Wednesday morning, wounding two police officers who also shot him, authorities said.

Omaha police have not disclosed many details about the shootings at Creighton University Medical Center, including the suspect's identity or the sequence of events. Police Lt. Darci Tierney said the suspect was in "very critical condition" at the hospital Wednesday afternoon. The two officers suffered minor wounds.

The shootings occurred inside the hospital, which is a few blocks north of the city's downtown. Police spokesman Jacob Bettin declined to say where in the building the shootings occurred, but Omaha television station KETV reported that witnesses said it happened in or near the cafeteria.

Bettin said the officers shot the suspect, but he did not say what may have led to the shootout. He said police were first notified about the shooting at 9:19 a.m.

Hospital employees outside the center declined to answer questions from The Associated Press.

Investigators were looking into whether the gunman may have been involved in another incident with police hours earlier in the Omaha suburb of Ralston, Bettin said. He did not elaborate.

According to the Burt County Sheriff's Office, deputies went to the home of a domestic-assault suspect near the town of Tekamah, but the suspect had recently left the home with three guns in his GMC pickup truck. Tekamah is about 40 miles north of Omaha.

Officers in the Omaha suburb of La Vista found the suspect's vehicle and gave chase, but tailed off when it reached dangerous speeds. Shortly after 12:30 a.m., the suspect crashed in Ralston and fled the scene, they said.

Omaha police say they haven't determined that the domestic-assault suspect was involved in the hospital shooting.

After the shootings, police and

Bethany Storro who falsely claimed a stranger threw acid in her face, walks to her court appearance in Vancouver, Wash., Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

(AP Photo/Don Ryan)

Woman pleads not guilty in Wash. in acid hoax case

By NIGEL DUARA,
Associated Press Writer

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Her face red and blotchy but largely unbandaged, a 28-year-old Vancouver woman pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges arising from her false claim that a stranger splashed acid in her face.

Bethany Storro has confessed that she made up the story about the facial burns she suffered Aug. 30, saying she put drain cleaner on her face trying to kill herself. The case drew national attention to the recently divorced woman who works for a grocery chain, and brought in nearly \$28,000 in donations to help with medical bills.

Storro faces three theft charges. Court records show spent about \$1,500 of the donations on such things as dinners for her parents, clothes for herself and a bill for an August laser facial peel.

The accounts containing the donations have been frozen and her parents have said the money will be returned.

The hearing in Clark County Superior Court was the first time she'd been in public since a hospital press conference Sept. 1 when her head was covered with bandaging. On Wednesday, she had one small bandage on her nose. □



A police SWAT team member walks out of the Creighton University medical center in Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. Two officers were hit and a suspect was critically injured in a shooting at a hospital Wednesday morning, Omaha Police spokesman Jacob Bettin said the officers suffered minor wounds at Creighton University Medical Center.

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

security officers stood outside the hospital and stopped those leaving the hospital to check whether they had already spoken with investigators inside.

Patients with appointments were allowed in.

Bettin said the hospital remained in partial lockdown to protect the crime scene and evidence. □

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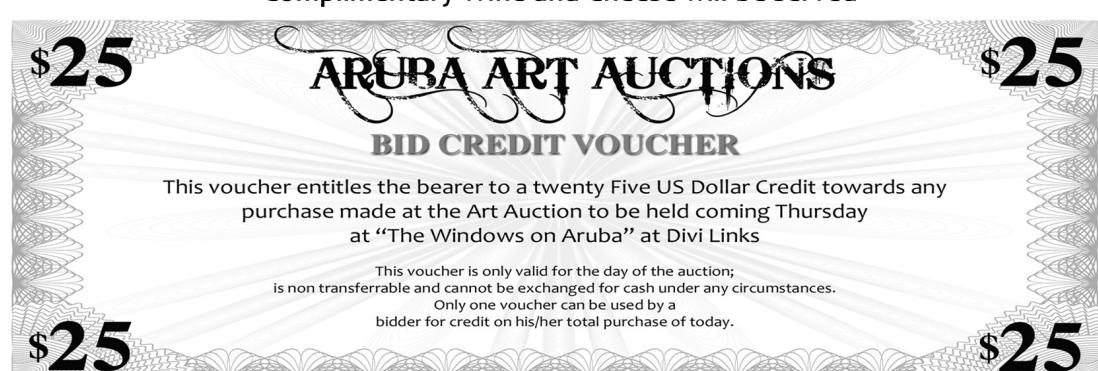
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Italy coast guard hunting 2 missing U.S. balloonists



The sun sets over two unidentified gas-fired balloons ahead of the Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race, at Easter Compton, near Bristol, England Saturday Sept. 25, 2010. Italian Coastguards are hunting for a pair of missing American balloonists last detected piloting their craft over the Adriatic Sea in rough weather while competing in the event, in which teams of balloonists try to see who can fly the farthest from a set point, officials said Wednesday Sept 29 2010.

Associated Press

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Associated Press Writer**

LONDON (AP) — Coast guards are hunting for a pair of missing American balloonists last detected piloting their craft over the Adriatic Sea in rough weather, officials said Wednesday.

Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis were participating in the 54th Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race, an annual race in which teams of balloonists try to see who can fly the farthest from a set point on a maximum of about 1,000 cubic meters (35,300 cubic feet) of gas.

Abruzzo is the son of famed balloonist Ben Abruzzo, who was in 1981 part of the first team to cross the Pacific Ocean by balloon, and who

was killed in a small airplane crash in 1985.

Italian coast guards said a search was under way for the balloon, one of 20 that set off Saturday from the English coastal city of Bristol. Spokesman Lt. Massimo Maccheroni, said the last signal received from the balloon's GPS was at 8 a.m. local time (0600 GMT) Wednesday. The signal showed the craft was 13 miles (21 kilometers) off the Gargano coast in the Adriatic Sea.

He said helicopters, military aircraft and three boats were taking part in the search. A ground search on the coast also was under way.

Conditions in the area were reported to be poor, with rough seas and thunderstorms.

Abruzzo and Davis have competed together in the past, finishing third in the 2006 America's Challenge gas balloon race by traveling 1,478 miles (2,378 kilometers) from the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Davis is a radiologist from Colorado who has previously participated in the race, her medical office said Wednesday. In a 2007 interview with Denver Woman magazine, she recalled competing in a race in 2004 alongside Abruzzo.

"We raced through six hours of drenching heavy rain — it was like the tropics. It poured into the basket. We were just soaked. It was heavy enough that it formed a little lake in the top of the balloon, so

we pulled the valve and it would drench us," she told the magazine.

Richard Abruzzo's sister-in-law, Sandra Abruzzo, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, said she had been told the balloonists had suffered "an issue with the electrical" components in the balloon, and speculated that the loss of contact could possibly be related to that.

Garth Sonnenberg, also of Albuquerque and a friend of Abruzzo's since childhood, said he'd heard they had radio issues throughout the flight. "We're hoping that it's a good possibility that it's just a radio problem," he said.

Friends said that ballooning is in Abruzzo's blood. His father and two other Albuquerque residents, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman, made the first successful balloon flight over the Atlantic in a helium-filled balloon in 1978, landing in France after a flight of 137 hours.

Former New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson, who has flown with Abruzzo in several balloon races, said he was worried. He said Abruzzo always carried satellite phones when Johnson flew with him, and should not have lost contact.

Johnson said Abruzzo borrowed his high-altitude suit for the Gordon Bennett flight, and told Johnson he'd be back in plenty of time for him and Johnson to compete in the America's Challenge gas balloon race, which is scheduled to launch from Albuquerque on Tuesday. □

Two powerful earthquakes hit eastern Indonesia

By ALI KOTARUMALOS

Associated Press Writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Two powerful earthquakes hit waters off eastern Indonesia in rapid succession Thursday, prompting officials to briefly trigger a tsunami warning.

The U.S. Geological Survey said a 7.2 magnitude quake off Papua province, centered just 7 miles (12 kilometers) beneath the ocean floor, struck less than a minute after a 6.6 tremor in the same location.

Several strong aftershocks followed.

The quakes rocked the nearby islands of Tual and Dodo at around 2 a.m. local time as people were sleeping, police said, adding there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The region on Indonesia's easternmost edge is remote and sparsely populated.

Located 1,800 miles from the capital, Jakarta, the epicenter was closer to the northern Australian city of Darwin, which sits some 560 miles to the south.

The Indonesian meteorological and geophysics agency issued a tsunami warning, but lifted it 90 minutes later after the threat had passed, said Fauzi, who heads the agency.

Indonesia straddles a series of fault lines that make the vast island nation prone to volcanic and seismic activity.

A giant quake off the country on Dec. 26, 2004, triggered the Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 230,000 people, half of them in Indonesia's westernmost province of Aceh. □

Terror plot in Europe prompted drone strikes

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LONDON (AP) — Security officials said Wednesday a terror plot to wage Mumbai-style shooting sprees or other attacks in Britain, France and Germany is still active and that recent CIA strikes in Pakistan were aimed at al-Qaida operatives suspected in the threat.

The plot was still in its early stages and not considered serious enough to raise the terror threat level, officials said. Still, the Eiffel Tower in Paris was briefly evacuated Tuesday — the second time in two weeks because of an unspecified threat — and French police were on alert.

A heavy police presence was seen Wednesday around Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square and Big Ben. Victoria Station was briefly evacuated after an unusual smell was reported.

"This plot was in its embryonic stages," a British government official told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of his work. He said the plot had preoccupied the security community more than other recent threats, but did not merit changing the security threat level from severe to critical.

Some details about the plot came from Ahmed Siddiqui, a German citizen of Afghan background who was captured in Afghanistan in July, a U.S. official said.

Intelligence authorities used National Security Agency wiretaps to flesh out details, U.S. officials said, and while a Mumbai-style shooting spree was one possibility, there was no concrete plan. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak about the plot.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters Wednesday the U.S. was working closely with its European allies, but declined to provide specifics. "We are not going to comment on specific intelligence as doing so threatens to undermine intelligence operations that are critical in protecting the

United States and our allies," Clinton said. "As we have repeatedly said, we know that al-Qaida and its network of terrorists wishes to attack both European and U.S. targets."

"I want Americans to know how focused we all are in the government and how committed we are not only in protecting our own country but in protecting our friends and allies."

The Department of Homeland Security would not say Wednesday whether U.S. security has been enhanced as a result of the terror threats in Europe. Revelations of the plot came just ahead of the anniversary on Thursday of the publication of the Prophet Muhammad cartoons in a Danish newspaper.

It also came as Spanish authorities announced they had arrested an American citizen of Algerian origin on suspicion of financing al-Qaida's North

African affiliate.

Mohamed Omar Debhi, 43, was taken into custody Tuesday, although Spain's Interior Ministry said the arrest was not connected to the terror threat. He is suspected of laundering money and sending some of it to an associate in Algeria, Toufik Mizi, to be passed on to al-Qaida cells in the Islamic Maghreb, an Algerian terror group.

Europe has been a target of numerous Islamic terror plots — the deadliest being the 2004 Madrid train bombings, when 10 shrapnel-filled bombs exploded, killing 191 people and wounding about 1,800.

A year later, suicide bombers killed 52 rush-hour commuters in London aboard three subway cars and a bus.

In 2006, U.S. and British intelligence officials thwarted one of the largest plots yet — a plan to explode nearly a dozen trans-Atlantic airliners.



A police officer stands by the Eiffel Tower, in Paris, Tuesday Sept. 18, 2010. The Eiffel Tower was evacuated after an anonymous caller phoned in a bomb threat from a telephone booth, marking the second alert at the monument in two weeks.

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Despite the beefed up security presence at tourist sites in London and other European capitals on Wednesday, most visitors took the news in stride and went on with their sightseeing.

"In this case, ignorance is bliss," said Theodore John, a 35-year-old banker from

Pittsburgh who was visiting Buckingham Palace and heard about the threat Wednesday. Officials gave no other details of the terror plot except to say that it originated in Pakistan with a group "threatening to wage a Mumbai-style attack" on cities in Britain, France and Germany. □

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Anti-austerity protests sweep across Europe

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Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Tens of thousands of workers marched Wednesday through the streets of Europe, decrying the loss of jobs and benefits they fear will come with stinging austerity measures seeking to contain government debt.

Police fired shots in the air to disperse protesters at a general strike in Spain. Greek bus and trolley drivers walked off the job, joined by doctors who staged a 24-hour strike at state hospitals. Unions claimed a crowd of 100,000 marched on European Union headquarters in Brussels.

From Ireland to Greece, workers united around the theme that they are victims of a debt crisis caused by reckless high-spending bankers undermining Europe's cherished welfare state. They complained of higher taxes, job cuts, soaring unemployment and smaller pensions.

"We are protesting mainly for our children, because they're not here — they are out looking for jobs," said Emilio Martella, a 62-year-old retiree demonstrating with 2,000 others in Rome.

Italian public school teachers with temporary contracts

didn't get them extended, and parents have complained that class sizes are getting bigger under the cuts.

Like Italy, many nations are raising, or considering to raise, the pension age, fearing there won't be any money left to pay retirees in the future.

France's conservative government is moving through the legislature a controversial plan to increase the retirement age from 65 to 67, which officials say would save nearly €19 billion (\$25.9 billion) in 2018 and bring the pension system back into the black that year.

Countries including Greece and Spain have cut workers' pay, and across the continent governments have trimmed benefits that have long been generous by American standards. Unemployment benefits were cut from four years to two in Denmark, Germany trimmed support for the long-term jobless and new parents who stay home, and Spain and England dropped bonuses to families for having babies. In Dublin, police arrested a man who blocked the entrance to the Irish parliament with a cement truck painted with the blood red slogans "Toxic Bank" and "All



Riot police detain protesters in Brussels Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. Labor unions prepared a march of nearly 100,000 workers on the European Union institutions on Wednesday to protest the budget slashing plans and austerity measures of governments seeking to control spiraling debt.

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politicians should be sacked." The Anglo Irish Bank, which was nationalized last year to save it from collapse, owes some €72 billion (\$97 billion) to depositors worldwide.

Waves of demonstrators in bright red, green and blue union jackets marched through Brussels toward EU buildings. Unions estimated the turnout at some 100,000 people, but police spokesman Christian De Coninck put it at 56,000. He said 244 were briefly detained.

The Brussels march came as the EU Commission proposed new penalties to punish member states that have run up deficits, mainly to fund social programs in a time of high unemployment. The proposal, backed by Germany, was running into strong opposition from France, which wants elected politicians, not rigid accounting rules, to decide on what sanctions big spending countries should face.

"It is a bizarre time for the European Commission to be proposing a regime of punishment," John Monks, general secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation, told Associated Press Television News. "How is that going to make the situation better? It is going to make it worse."

He said Europe already has 23 million jobless.

Unions fear workers will become the biggest victims of an economic crisis set off by

bankers and traders, many of whom were rescued by massive government intervention.

"It is not right that people on low salaries have to pay to prop up the country. It should be the banks," said Belgian demonstrator Evelain Foncis. Several governments, already living with high debt, were pushed to the brink of financial collapse and have been forced to impose punishing cuts in wages, pensions and employment — measures that have brought workers out by the tens of thousands in the past months.

"There is a great danger that the workers are going to be paying the price for the reckless speculation that took place in financial markets," Monks said. "You really got to reschedule these debts so that they are not a huge burden on the next few years and cause Europe to plunge down into recession."

Wednesday general strike in Spain was the country's first since 2002 and marked a break in the once-close relationship between unions and the Socialist government.

Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's government is under severe pressure because of unpopular measures put in place to save Europe's fourth-largest economy from a bailout like one that saved Greece from bankruptcy in May.

The cuts have helped Spain trim its central government

deficit by half through July but the unemployment rate still stands at a shocking 20 percent, and many businesses are struggling to survive.

Whistle-blowing picketers blocked trucks from delivering produce to wholesale markets in Madrid and Barcelona. Strikers hurled eggs and screamed "scabs" at drivers trying to leave a city bus garage in Madrid. Airlines canceled hundreds of flights at Spanish airports.

The two measures which angered most people in Spain were the decision to cut civil servants' wages — which are already low — by an average 5 percent and introduce labor reforms that make it easier and cheaper for companies to lay people off.

Greece, which had to be rescued this spring by the 15 other nations that share the euro currency just to stave off bankruptcy, has also been forced to cut deep into workers' allowances.

Greece's Socialist government has imposed stringent austerity measures, including cutting civil servants' salaries, trimming pensions and hiking consumer and income taxes.

Greek bus and trolley drivers walked off the job for several hours, and Athens' metro and tram systems shut down. National railway workers also walked out, disrupting rail connections across the country, while doctors at state hospitals went on a 24-hour strike. □

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2 known dead, 12 missing after storm soaks Jamaica

DAVID MCFADDEN

Associated Press Writer

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Tropical Storm Nicole caused flooding and mudslides across Jamaica on Wednesday, leaving two confirmed dead and at least 12 more missing, even as the drenching system moved north and dissipated over the Florida straits.

The outer bands of the storm hammered Jamaica, toppling bridges and knocking out power to thousands. Many streets were filled with gushing brown torrents of water, prompting Prime Minister Bruce Golding to urge people to stay indoors.

Floodwaters battered squatter communities perched uneasily on the slopes of gullies that crisscross the sprawling capital of Kingston. One slide killed a 14-year-old boy, known to his neighbors as Buju, who was found in an eddy of muddy water. The rest of his family — including four sisters, the youngest just 3-years-old — had not been found by Wednesday evening.

"He was a fun boy. He loved to sing, he loved to play football. It's not right, the whole family lost," said Munchie Fuller, a 23-year-old neighbor who watched terrified as a chunk of her own concrete house in Sandy Gully was swept into the raging waters before dawn.

Another resident, Lyndon Bennett, said the people in the shantytown who live along the gully are warned repeatedly to move for their own safety but most refuse to relocate.

"There's not a proper foundation there, the gully is just stone and dirt. People are told not to live there, but when you've got no other options you've just got to make ends meet. It's a real tragedy," Bennett said.

The storm, which had sustained winds of 40 mph earlier in the day, broke apart over the Atlantic, though the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami warned that there were still large areas of heavy rain.

Jamaican Information Minister Daryl Vaz said two people were confirmed dead but warned that the toll could be higher from the flash floods and mudslides. He said 12 people were missing.

Emergency shelters were opened for thousands of Jamaicans who live in ramshackle homes along gullies. Major hospitals were treating only emergency cases. Officials said about 30 percent of the power utility's customers were without power. Some bridges collapsed in the rushing water.

"All in all, there has been a lot of damage done to infrastructure," Vaz said. "It's a serious blow to the country."

In a rural area of St. Elizabeth parish,



Residents of Harbour View look toward a collapsed bridge that links the parishes of St. Thomas and Portland to Kingston, Jamaica, Wednesday Sept. 29, 2010. Tropical Storm Nicole caused flooding and mudslides across Jamaica on Wednesday, leaving two confirmed dead and at least 12 more missing

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people told government officials that two farmers in the town of Flagaman were washed away by murky floodwaters and presumed dead. Another man was reportedly swept away while trying to cross rushing Hope River in Kingston. Floods flattened fields of bananas, scallions and sweet pepper as the storm's outer edges raked the

island. The storm also soaked Cuba but no deaths were reported.

In Cuba, state-controlled television showed images of rain flooding roads and highways, especially around the eastern city of Santiago, but there were no reports of major damage. Far to the west in Havana, it wasn't even raining and there was no flooding. □



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Bonaire, St.
Eustatius and Saba

New ID card for Aruba's sister islands

ORANJESTAD - On October 10th 2010, a new ID card (sedula) will be introduced on Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba. The reason for introducing this new ID card relate to changes in the constitutional structure: on that date the three islands will become public entities of the Netherlands, comparable to a municipality. The new ID cards underscore the new status of the islands. The sedula which is issued on Bonaire before October 10th, 2010 will maintain its validity until the expiry date mentioned on them. To a high degree, these documents meet the requirements of the new ID card. The validity of the Sedula issued on St. Eustatius and Saba before October 10th, 2010 will become invalid effective July 1st, 2011.

Identity document, resident paper and travel function. A valid sedula will also become a legal proof of identification after October 10th, 2010. The card will be issued exclusively to persons 12 years or older who are registered in the civil registry administration (PIVA).

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Fantastic entertainment line-up

First 'live' donation in "Cas di Glas" for Rico Rijk



ORANJESTAD - Rico Rijk, the stage name of the Cas di Glas personal deejay Alfons Linders, received his first 'live' donation on Wednesday morning when he was broadcasting his radio program from the fantastic Cas di Glas trailer. A family of four came to wave at him and ask him to be in a picture together with them, as they had become fervent fans of his program during their week's stay on the island. Alfons invited them into the trailer for this and was very much surprised when the group proceeded to offload their US change and bills as a donation for the mobile breast cancer screening unit, the ultimate goal for the Cas di Glas fundraising.

As this family was on its way to the airport, they won't know how much impact they made with their super gesture.

Four evenings, filled to the brim with bands, dj's, dancers and entertainment have begun! Starting Last night, Wednesday, September 29, was the opening night of the exciting House of Glass fundraising event at CILO City Lounge downtown, the line-up of artists is incredible. The local and international support of the music world for the acquisition of a mobile breast cancer screening unit, the goal for the fundraiser called Cas di Glas, is amazing. Here follows the schedule:

The official Cas di Glas opening took place at 6 PM when Prime Minister Mike Eman shut DJ's Siomara, Jean Carlo and dj 101 into their glass dwelling. Andrea Grosso and a dj are then playing. Their act was followed by the Popcorn Dancers (6.30 - 7), Lavahouse (7.30 - 8). Acoustic Souls (8 - 9) and the terrific reunion after 28 years of Dedhalavie (9-10). After that it was showtime for Mystical Connection and the Zetaband. Roberto Geerman was the MC on Wednesday.

Today, Thursday, September 30, looks most promising as well, with Sazon Cubano playing from 5.30-6.30, followed by a dance demonstration by Pachanga (6.30-7). The PM Band is on from 7.30 until 8.30; after that Grupo Di EMG performs from 8.30-9. From 9 to 10 the Jefferson Paris Band can be seen live on stage, followed by BMW (10-11) and Privé (11-11.45). MC of the evening is Roberto Geerman once again. The Popcorn Dancers are back on Friday with modern dance from 6.30 to 7; their act is followed by Idyl Mist (7-8) and the Belgian classical formation, the sensational Rockenbach (8-9). Banda Esquema (9-10), Basic One & Biggy Boy (10-11) and DJ Quality (11-12) make Friday a super night. Emcees of the three next nights are courtesy of popular local

radio station Magic FM. Saturday is Kids Day at Cas di Glas: there is a jumping castle, games and fun for everyone, so all the kids of Aruba should come to the Renaissance Marketplace (10-4). From 10-11 there is Zumba on stage, so kids and adults can join in. At 4 pm it's showtime, this time the Pachanga Kids are on (4-5), showing off what they have learned. After that the line-up is as follows: Impak (5-6), Juan Carlo Luces (6-7), Tsunami (7-8), Zissles (8-9), Diviana (9-10), Mulato (10-11) and Roots 'n Riddem (11-12). Comedian

Vale Croes is on stand-by every day, ready to sing a song, he has announced.

Sunday starts off well with a Zumba class (10-11); a 15-minute Tai Chi demonstration is held from 1-1.15. The Arion Wine Company giveaway happening starts at 3, followed by their donation. The Renaissance prize is raffled between 3-3.30. At 4.30 a dj of Swingmasterz is playing his music; Honeypot takes over from him at 5. From 5 to 5.30 the Renaissance Marketplace is going to tremble when Aruba Salsa let loose. After the three dj's inside the Cas di Glas are released (at 6 pm) Next Level will play. The announcement of the total amount for the mobile breast cancer screening unit will be around 6.30 pm. After that Youth Extreme (7-8), Transformerz (8-8.30), Time Bandits (8.30-9), reggae sensation Lincoln Ward (9-10), Scarlet (10-11) and Roger Peterson with his Intwine (11-12). With so much music, talent and enthusiasm surrounding the event, the Cas di Glas team hopes to be able to receive enough donations so that their goal can be met. Please donate to this great cause and come and enjoy the Cas di Glas event. □



On November 6th

The Radisson Aruba Charity Golf Classic, unfolds at Tierra del Sol

PALM BEACH – The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa has just announced its upcoming 3rd Radisson Aruba Charity Golf Classic, at Tierra Del Sol, inviting local golfers and visitors to sign up with a team of four to raise funds for the local Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds, and the Mary Joan Cancer Support Group, in memory of the late Gary Jutz. Funds raised in the tournament will also go to the World Childhood Foundation.

NEW ID

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This card is also mandatory for those persons. With that this card will become the most visible identity document on all three islands, besides other documents such as a Dutch passport and a driver's license. The ID card fulfills an important role in the identification of persons by the government. Other instances may also request the ID card as proof of identification. For ex An ID card issued to a Dutch citizen born on Bonaire, St. Eustatius or Saba is valid for five years. The same is applicable for other Dutch and foreigners, who may reside on the three islands for an indefinite time. Dutch citizens and foreigners with a residency permit for a definite period will get an ID card with limited term of validity, which is dependent on the duration of the residency permit. In case the card is issued to a foreigner, it will contain information regarding the legal status of the residency of the bearer, because for all three islands there is not yet a separate immigration document. Until then, the ID card will function as an immigration document.

Information regarding the legal residency status comes from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (IND). The status indicated on the ID card shows through the use of a code if the holder possesses a residency

The tournament will be held at Tierra Del Sol golf course on November 6th, with a shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost of a team is \$600, for four players. The award ceremony, charity auction with valuable offers, and reception will be held at Tierra del Sol, Ventanas del Mar restaurant at the end of the tournament. As a special feature, the tournament will offer five, hole-in-one opportunities with prizes by Diamond

International. The tournament hole sponsorship is Awg 500 which includes honorable mentions in all press releases and press coverage of the event.

Bob Curtis, Director of Resort Operations invited friends of the resort and its business partners to confirm their participation and sponsorship and commitment to making a difference by listing team participants and their handicap and submitting payment to

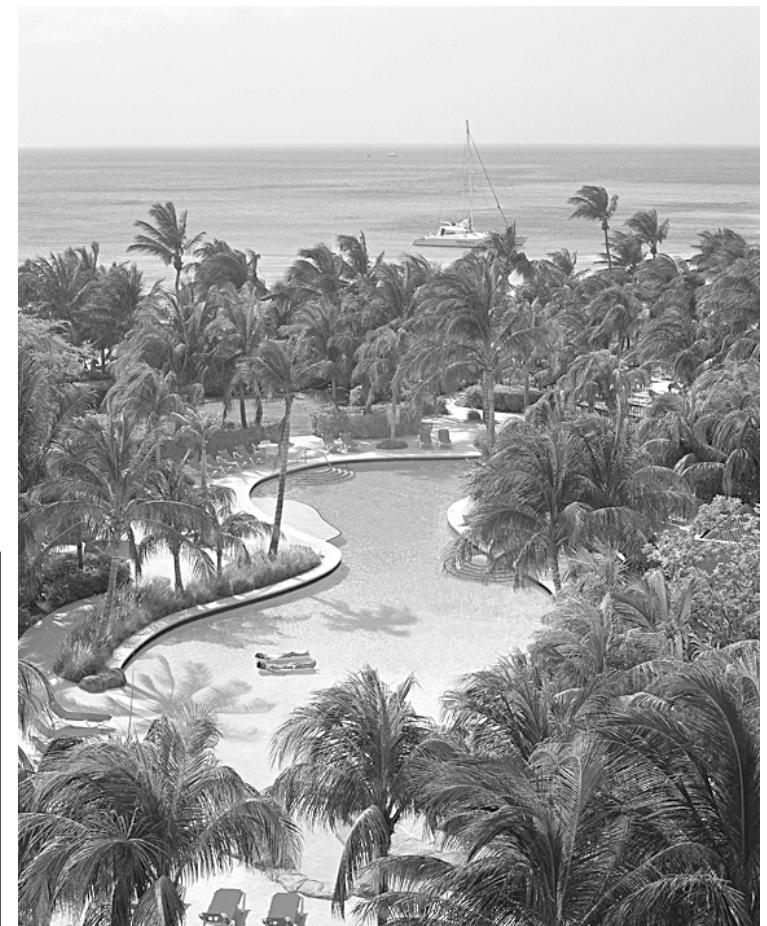
permit, work permit or a business permit. The legal residency information is included under status for a Dutch citizen who may reside for a definite time.

Features

Three models of the new ID card will come into circulation for each island. The three models are largely the same. They are distinguishable from each other through for example the own coat of arm of the island and different security features, such as images of animals, which become visible through infra-red UV-light. The new ID card has a handy credit card format to allow the card holder to carry it in a simple manner.

Application and tariff

The card is made at the window in the presence of the applicant and can be immediately taken away. When applying, the old ID card/ sedula must be returned. If the old document is lost or missing, a police report must be produced when applying for a new ID card. During the application, control of personal particulars takes place at the window. Further, a photo will be taken at the counter. Applicants are therefore not required to bring a photo of their own. Subsequently, the card will be personalized directly. The tariff for the card will be determined locally, as a result, this may differ per island. □



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Casino & Spa. Registration will begin on November 6th, at 11 a.m. and the tournament will start at 12:30. For more information kindly contact Bob Curtis or Golf Pro Adam Williamson, at Tierra del Sol. □

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At Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort

The New Employee Cafeteria is Inaugurated



Palm Beach – The opening of the new employee cafeteria attracted many of the resort's employees in addition to members of management. The balloon-decorated door was opened by General Manager John Neophytou who took great pride in presenting his most valuable resource -- the resort employees -- with a beautiful space to relax and enjoy meals in community. The project was spearheaded by resort executives Pedro & Greta with Zulay and her maintenance crew, Diego, Patrick, Ramon & Alex, in charge of the actual work. The inviting space also received a new name, Nos Dushi Skina, loosely translated as Our Lovely Corner in Papiamento, as coined by Teresa Williams a resort telephone operator who won the naming contest, entitling her to dinner for two, a massage at the Divi Phoenix spa and a free month-long membership for the health and fitness center. Neophytou congratulated his team for the excellent work done mostly with recycled materials, and almost-new furnishings.

Chef Edwin and his culinary brigade then served lunch for the first time, and cake for dessert in honor of the festivities.

While the project took some



time to complete, it became a reality with management support, existing resources and a limited budget, Pedro declares.

Pictured here the ribbon cutting ceremony announcing Nos Dushi Skina open! □



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Young Bonaire windsurfers revealed in documentary



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Unlike most commercial windsurfing films that focus on action-intensive sequences, "Children of the Wind" is a character driven documentary. It is not just a windsurfing story, it is a human story. □

ORANJESTAD - Aruba's first Cas di Glas is 'green' in accordance with the international Green Energy Conference and Trade Fair, which is held simultaneously with the House of Glass fundraising happening for a mobile breast screening unit at the Renaissance Marketplace. Solar panels have been installed, showing Aruba's inhabitants that the future of wind and solar energy is really here.

Both giant events went underway yesterday. □



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In support of the local Breast Cancer Fund

“Oktobeerfest” this Friday at Westin



PALM BEACH – Bring in October with a bang and some beer this Friday, October 1st, at the Westin Resort Aruba’s Oktobeerfest.

The event will be held in the outdoor venue under the “Balashihaus” tent by the resort’s pool deck from 7pm to 10pm.

Enjoy unlimited, locally brewed Balashi Beer on tap, as well as traditional Oktoberfest food like wurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, and black forest cake for just \$35

per person. Guests will also receive a commemorative tee-shirt.

Games and great prizes like a weekend stay at the Westin Resort, Aruba and dinner for two are also highlights of this fun-filled evening.

Part of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the local Breast Cancer Fund, so come and enjoy Oktoberfest with a local twist and stand up to cancer! □

Greening the Paradise:

Renewable energy in the Caribbean

While the Caribbean territories depend mainly on energy imports to fuel their needs, Aruba’s sister island Bonaire is to produce 100% of its energy from renewables by 2015, showing the opportunities and challenges the West Indies faces on the road to energy self-sufficiency. Given the region’s vast and varied resources, it will likely be only a matter of time before its renewable energy capacity soars.

The 27 sovereign states, overseas departments, and dependencies that together form the exotic holiday destinations of the Caribbean have historically relied on fossil fuels, oil in particular, to supply the energy needed for their predominantly agricultural- and tourism-based industries. Many of the incumbent utilities are monopolies which operate with traditional business models that are highly reliant on the price of crude oil.

Having seen its only power plant burn down in 2004, the Caribbean island of Bonaire, part of the Dutch Antilles, has revealed plans

to invest in a hybrid wind-diesel power plant, which will comprise an 11MW wind farm supplemented by a 14MW diesel power plant, including a 3MW energy storage system. However, the island wants eventually to produce 100% of its energy from renewables, and within five years’ time is hoping to replace the diesel with bio oil from salt water algae grown on the island.

While the Caribbean harbors great potential for renewable energies, this potential must be tailored to the specific needs and locations of the many individual territories. Opportunities for hydro and wind power, solar thermal and photovoltaics, geothermal energy, and biomass from bagasse and wood waste are in plentiful supply across the region.

However, the lack of awareness and knowledge of renewable technologies, hesitant utilities, and slow and conservative energy policy development have so far hampered the greater uptake of renewable energy. In addition, the threat of hurricanes, disagreements over the use of land and



funding problems have created barriers preventing a move away from carbon fuels.

The Caribbean Community’s Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Programme is now aiming to address these problems by bringing together politicians, utilities, and investors from around the region. Funding has also been made available recently

through the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

Not only would the increased use of renewable energy reduce carbon emissions and consumers’ dependence on fossil fuel price volatility, it may also help economic development through employment opportunities and training, and create competitors

capable of taking on the monopolies in the different territories. As other energy self-sufficiency initiatives, such as Denmark’s island Samsø, have been proved possible, Bonaire’s project should be watched closely by other Caribbean regions and islands, and considered a trial for their own future energy development plans. □

Radisson's Family Day Featured Food & Fun



Eagle Beach – The annual Family Day of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa featured a family-style BBQ combined with beach activities.

Associates were invited with their family members to enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch cooked by the executive committee members, and served in a white tent, pitched on pristine Eagle Beach.

Before & after lunch the gentle azure waves of the ocean

beckoned for a much enjoyed cool and wet interlude.

General Manager Rob Smith was among the BBQ grill masters with director of Human Resources Glenn Farro, and Director of Operations Bob Curtis, deftly overseen by Gerard Coste, Director of Food & Beverage.

The younger generation also enjoyed face painting and games, befitting a day dedicated to fun in the sun, sampling Radisson's genuine



hospitality from a guest point of view. □



Scot & Brenda Silva honored at the Playa Linda Resort



PALM BEACH - Recently at the Playa Linda Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years.

Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent

honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority Associate Ricardo Croes at the Playa Linda Resort, they call their home away from home.

Scot & Brenda Silva were honored as an distinguished visitor after visiting Aruba for more than 10 years.

Pictured together with the Silva's are Mr. Ricardo Croes and Yvette from Playa Linda Resort. □



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Europe team captain Colin Montgomerie reacts during a press conference prior to the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

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The best preparation is off the course

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — Preparations for the Ryder Cup were intense and inspirational. There was laughter and a few tears. One thing players from both sides agreed on was the importance of rallying behind the flag.

And that was before anyone hit a shot Wednesday.

A rain-filled day at Celtic Manor shifted the attention to the team rooms, and even that became somewhat of a contest.

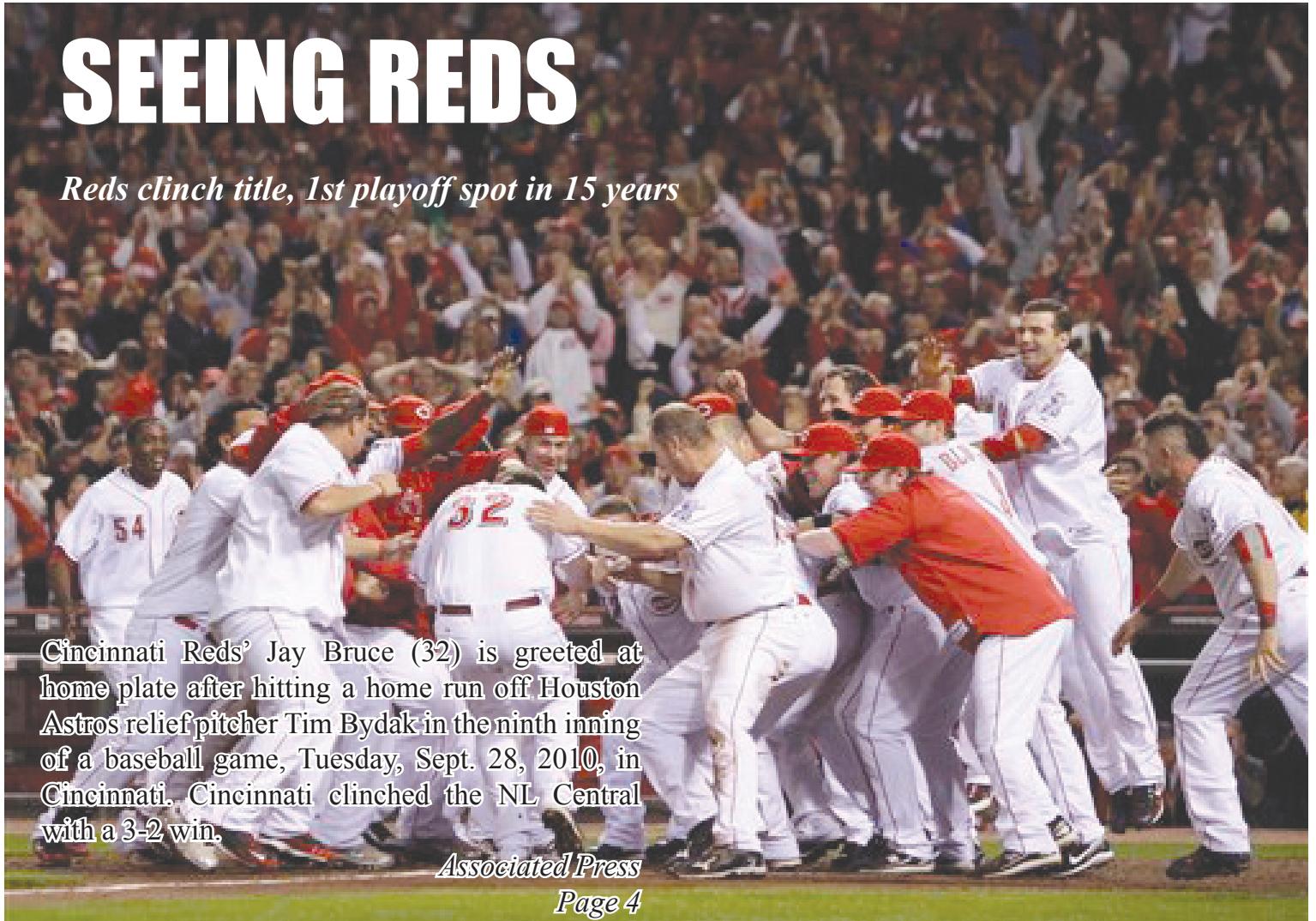
U.S. captain Corey Pavin gathered his troops for a motivational speech by Maj. Dan Rooney, a decorated F-16 fighter pilot from Oklahoma with the rare distinction of being an Iraqi war veteran and a PGA professional.

"It was pretty emotional, actually, but a good kind of emotion," Pavin said.

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SEEING REDS

Reds clinch title, 1st playoff spot in 15 years



Cincinnati Reds' Jay Bruce (32) is greeted at home plate after hitting a home run off Houston Astros relief pitcher Tim Bydak in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, in Cincinnati. Cincinnati clinched the NL Central with a 3-2 win.

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Lewis: Steelers QB wishes he could play vs Ravens

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — This is one week Ben Roethlisberger wouldn't mind taking a nasty hit from Ray Lewis.

Roethlisberger wishes he could play in Sunday's Ravens-Steelers rivalry game, according to a text message the suspended quarterback sent to Lewis, the Baltimore linebacker.

Lewis told Pittsburgh reporters on a conference call Wednesday that he exchanged messages this week with Roethlisberger, who regrets he can't play in a game that could decide the AFC North leader.

"He wishes he were out there — he wishes he were out there, man," Lewis said. "It's a respect thing we have playing against each other. It's a rivalry but, once again, it goes back to the level of respect we have."

Roethlisberger's four-game suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy doesn't end until next week.

While the Ravens (2-1) and Steelers (3-0) have one of the NFL's strongest rivalries, Lewis said he sent Roethlisberger text messages of encouragement while the league was weighing last spring whether to discipline the quarterback. Roethlisberger was suspended following accusations that he sexually assaulted a Georgia college student, although no charges were filed.



This Nov. 29, 2009, file photo shows Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, left, talking with Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, right, after an NFL football game, in Baltimore. Roethlisberger wishes he could play in Sunday's Ravens-Steelers rivalry game, according to a text message the suspended quarterback sent to Ray Lewis.

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"We texted each other when he was going through what he was going through," Lewis said. "I was there for him. It's more of a brotherhood. The game will always take care of itself on the field, but off the field if we don't look out for each other, nobody else will."

Lewis, one of the league's most accomplished players, said he exchanges text messages with numerous other NFL players.

"We always hit (text) each other," Lewis said. "There are many people I hit, just simple stuff."

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RYDER CUP

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"It was very quiet when he was talking."

The voice in the European team room was over the telephone, and it was chilling — Seve Ballesteros, the symbol of European pride and determination in the Ryder Cup. The Spaniard, stricken with a brain tumor, is unable to travel. "We have enough motivation in our team room," captain Colin Montgomerie said. "I was after some passion. And by God, I got it."

Ballesteros sounded like he wanted to tee it up himself. "Go get them so hard that they'll all be caddies in the future," Ballesteros told them, according to the Swedish Golf Federation website.

Europe, 1 up.

Montgomerie's squad waited more than an hour to tee off because of a steady rain that drenched Celtic Manor. Once the players arrived on the first tee, the captain was delighted with what he saw. Martin Kaymer, Luke Donald and Graeme McDowell and the caddies were wearing wigs that resembled the mop top of Rory McIlroy.

Montgomerie said the 21-year-old Northern Irishman in his first Ryder Cup, was "quite upset" about press coverage of his rift with Tiger Woods. McIlroy was quoted six weeks ago as saying he would "love to face" Woods at the Ryder Cup, and Woods offered a terse, "Me, too," in his press

conference Tuesday.

"It was getting out of hand, tabloid-wise," Montgomerie said. "So what we decided to do was find seven wigs — which God knows how people do that, but they do, especially ones looking like that — and the caddies and the players that were playing with him decided that we'll get Rory on the first tee and make him feel part of the team again."

"And that was the right thing to do. He played magnificently today. So we're all back on level terms again."

Phil Mickelson had more to say about McIlroy-Woods than anything Rooney said in the American team room. He defended McIlroy's comments, calling him one of the classiest players on tour and that everyone wants a chance to take on the best in the world.

As for the U.S. team room?

"Yeah, it was interesting, and I'd rather not discuss what was said," Mickelson said. "But I will say that it was the quietest that I had ever seen an audience. It was fascinating." Get ready for some noise in just two days, when the amphitheater-shaped bleachers behind the first tee — think of a minor-league baseball stadium — fills with fans who have been waiting two years to see golf's best team competition.

Montgomerie bristled at the notion that Europe needed any motivation, whether it came from Ballesteros,



former winning captains Sam Torrance and Ian Woosnam, or Welsh rugby legend Gareth Edwards.

All his players had to do was see Pavin carrying around that gold trophy.

"The only motivation this team needed was to lose the Ryder Cup two years ago," he said. That American team didn't even have Woods, who was recovering from knee surgery. He now is recovering from a personal life in such turmoil that the world's No. 1 player — though probably not for much longer — has yet to win a tournament this year.

Woods and the rest of the Americans went out in the rain, and all but three of them stopped after playing nine holes. Mickelson, Dustin Johnson and 21-year-old

Rickie Fowler continued on and played the front nine.

European assistants made sure cups were filled with hot soup on a cool day of wet weather. Rain is part of the forecast for the rest of the week, making Celtic Manor play even longer, and the rough even thicker.

"I don't have any issue with anybody dealing with bad weather," Pavin said. "I think everybody can handle it."

He spent most of his day — when he wasn't chatting with Prince Charles — fending off a British press that grilled him over his choice of a military man speaking to the American team at the Ryder Cup.

Pavin was part of the U.S. team that wore a camouflage cap when it arrived at Kiawah Island in 1991 for matches that infamously were dubbed,

"The War on the Shore."

"I think the military awareness in the United States is probably at an all-time high," Pavin said. "And I think people, certainly in the States and over here, appreciate the military and what they do for our freedoms. And that's what that was about."

Thursday is the final day of practice before the opening ceremony, which is when Montgomerie and Pavin announce the fourball matches for the opening session.

Based on the last couple of days, Friday can't get here soon enough.

"Zach Johnson has told me one thing," Bubba Watson said. "He put his arm around me and said, 'It's just golf, Bubba.' Because that's all it is." □

Viking Classic can help PGA player's year

By MARY FOSTER

AP Sports Writer

MADISON, Miss. — The \$648,000 winner's purse is just one of many reasons attracting 131 players to the Viking Classic.

For many players who will tee it up Thursday morning in the kickoff of the PGA Fall Series, a win — or at least a big enough purse — can mean the difference between another year on the tour and a return to Q-school.

For others, the Fall Series is a chance to continue working their way back from injuries, or the start of developing a playing rhythm they hope will carry over to the spring.

Trevor Immelman has already qualified for next season, but the former Master's Champion is hoping the fall will help him fully recover from a wrist injury that plagued him the last third of 2008 and all of 2009.

He said he feels the injury is behind him and wants to use the tournament to "get going and just be ready for next year."

Immelman, who has earned \$9,901,755 during his five years on the tour, including \$422,171 this year, said a big week at the Classic would be a large step toward his comeback.

"Look, I know my best stuff is good enough," he said.

"It's just a matter of getting out there and getting off to a good start and continuing to build on that momentum."

He hopes to play in as many of the Fall Series tournaments as possible, but his wife is pregnant and the baby is due in seven weeks, so that could pull him home, he said.

"This year has really been a year of trying to get out of the bad habits that I got into playing injured," Immelman said. "I feel like I'm sort of

scratching away at that and starting to get better with every tournament I play."

For some players, finishing big this week could be the difference between spending next year trying to get exemptions or hustling to tournaments when a last second spot opens up and being able to set their own schedule. That will be determined with a big showing this week and the following four weeks.

Among that group is John Daly, who tees off at 7:20 Thursday morning.

Daly has won \$140,295 this year, making grabbing a big share of the \$3.6 million purse important if he is to get back his PGA card, which he lost after the 2006 season.

The 2009 Viking Classic was canceled for the first time in the tournament's 43-year history because of rain. □

Taurasi leads U.S. women to win over Australia

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (AP)—For one of the rare times, the United States faced Australia in the world championship without much at stake.

It didn't make a difference for the two women's basketball powerhouses.

Diana Taurasi scored 24 points to help the United States beat Australia 83-75 on Wednesday night and earn the top seed in the quarterfinals of this event.

"She's an unbelievable competitor," U.S. coach Geno Auriemma said. "Australia's the defending world champions and I knew that would bring out the best in Diana and it didn't surprise me one bit."

Sylvia Fowles added 15 points and Tina Charles had 14 points for the U.S. (6-0), which will face South Korea on Friday in Karlovy Vary in the quarters. Australia (5-1) will take on the Czech Republic. The Americans remained undefeated against the Aussies in the worlds, improving to 9-0 all-time.

Liz Cambage, the 6-foot-8 phenom, scored 18 points to lead Australia while Lauren Jackson added 13.

The two teams could meet again in a potential gold medal game.

"It's not in my nature or USA basketball's nature except to

try and win this game and do what we had to do to win this game," Auriemma said. "There's no guarantee we'll play them again. We wanted to play tonight's game to win."

It was strange seeing them meet so early in the tournament. This was the first time since 1994 that they played in the worlds before the medal round.

"Any game with them is a big game," Australia coach Carrie Graf said. "The emotional effect to get up to play great opponents. It's great practice for quarterfinal play, semifinal play, gold medal play."

Even with a lot less at stake, the teams went right at each other, trading points early on. It was tough for anyone to get into an offensive flow though as the officials called 17 fouls in the first 8 minutes.

Leading 21-18 with 1:56 left in the first period, the Americans took over with Fowles and Taurasi keying an 18-0 run.

The 6-foot-6 center started the spurt with a tough lay-in. Taurasi followed with an acrobatic jumper. On the next play, Sue Bird tracked down the ball at midcourt and passed ahead to Fowles for another easy lay-in as the Americans were off and running to the delight of the crowd of 6,340.

The U.S. led by 11 after one

period and continued the onslaught to start the second quarter, scoring the first nine points. Taurasi hit two 3-pointers during the burst, including one with 8 minutes left that capped the run and made it 39-18.

"We were embarrassing on the glass," Graf said. "It was like little girls playing ladies."

That sets a tone for the game."

Jackson finally ended Australia's drought with a deep 3-pointer, but the U.S. maintained an 18-point halftime lead.

Unlike the 2008 Olympic gold medal game when the Americans jumped out to a 17-point halftime lead and then coasted to a 92-65 win, Australia battled back in the second half.

"It was just a tale of two halves for us," Taurasi said. "We played pretty well in the first half, the second half they played pretty well. We came up with more plays."

Trailing 67-48, the Aussies scored eight of the next nine points to make it a 12-point game as Cambage started to assert herself on both ends, blocking shots and showing an array of post moves.

The 19-year-old, who leads the team in scoring for the tournament, has shown vast improvement since the first time the U.S. saw her in a scrimmage back in July.



Diana Taurasi of USA, right, challenges Jenna O'Hea of Australia, left, during their World Basketball Championship round of 16 match in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. USA won 83:75.

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unbelievable difficult to play against."

Her three-point play with 2:26 left cut Australia's deficit to 79-70, but it wasn't enough.

"I think we could learn a lot from those 40 minutes tonight," Auriemma said. □

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NL Roundup

Braves close in on NL wild card, beat Marlins 3-2

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ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves boosted their National League wild-card hopes with a 3-2 win over Florida Marlins on Tuesday. Eric Hinske hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Atlanta improved its wild card chances.

The Braves' win, coupled with San Diego's loss, gave Atlanta a 1-1/2 game lead in the wild-card race.

Trailing 1-0, the Braves rallied for three runs in the seventh off Anibal Sanchez (12-12). Brooks Conrad knocked in the first run with a triple. Eric Hinske hit a two-run homer to give Atlanta a 3-1 lead.

Atlanta reliever Craig Kimbrel (4-0) got the win with a hitless seventh, and Billy Wagner earned his 36th save with a scoreless ninth.

Reds 3, Astros 2

In Cincinnati, the hosts clinched the NL Central title, earning a first trip to the playoffs in 15 years, with a win over Houston.

Jay Bruce hit a game-ending line-drive homer off Tim Byrdak (2-2) with the first pitch of the bottom of the ninth, sparking fireworks overhead.

Cincinnati has won with its last at-bat 22 times this season.

Reds closer Aroldis Chapman (2-2) pitched a perfect ninth. Dusty Baker joined Bill McKechnie as the only managers to lead three different NL teams to the playoffs. Baker has made it with San Francisco and the Chicago Cubs.

Cincinnati finished fourth last season, its second under Baker, but the franchise thought it had the makings of something and kept the roster intact.

The Reds have struggled against other top teams. They have gone 58-28 against losing teams, only 30-41 against those with .500 or better records.



Florida Marlins center fielder Cameron Maybin crashes into the wall after chasing an RBI triple by Atlanta Braves' Brooks Conrad in the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010, in Atlanta. Maybin was injured on the play and left the game.

Nationals 2, Phillies 1

In Washington, Adam Dunn led off the bottom of the ninth with his 38th homer of the season, to give Washington victory over Philadelphia. Dunn's homer off Jose Contreras (6-4) did little to dampen enthusiasm among a Philadelphia team preparing for the playoffs.

Nationals closer Drew Storen (4-4) earned the win by pitching the ninth.

In Denver, Los Angeles eliminated Colorado from the playoff race.

The Rockies' loss, combined with Atlanta's win over Florida and San Francisco's defeat of Arizona, ended Colorado's chances of getting the wild card.

Casey Blake homered twice and Rafael Furcal had two triples for the Dodgers, who blew a four-run lead but came back in the eighth off Rockies reliever Octavio Dotel (3-4). Colorado has lost eight of nine.

L.A. reliever Ronald Bellisario (3-1) got the win, pitching two-thirds of an inning.

In San Diego, the hosts dropped back sharply in the wild-card race by losing to

Chicago.

Cubs slugger Alfonso Soriano homered twice, including a two-run shot off struggling San Diego ace Mat Latos (14-9), who fumed after Chicago scored two unearned runs in the fifth, and lost his fourth straight start, his worst stretch this season.

The Padres led the NL West by 6-1/2 games a month ago, but now trail leader San Francisco by two games.

Chicago starter Ryan Dempster (15-11) struck out nine in seven innings.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 2

In San Francisco, Juan Uribe matched a career best with his 23rd home run as San Francisco increased its NL West lead by beating Arizona.

Uribe hit a tying solo drive leading off the fourth for the Giants, who have a magic number of four to clinch their first playoff berth since 2003.

San Francisco starter Jonathan Sanchez (12-9) struck out six in six innings to reach 200 Ks in a season for the first time in his career.

Arizona's Rodrigo Lopez (7-15) went 5 2-3 innings and took the loss.

the next pitch up the left-center alley for his third hit, and second double, of the game.

The Mets opened their final homestand of the season with their third consecutive win.

New York's Elmer Dessens (4-2) worked a perfect ninth inning for the win.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Garrett Jones homered on a three-hit night and drove in three runs as Pittsburgh downed St. Louis.

St. Louis was officially eliminated from playoff contention when Cincinnati won. The Cardinals had a 12-6 record against the Reds this season, but is 46-50 against teams with a losing record.

Brian Burres pitched effectively into the sixth inning for the Pirates.

In other NL games it was Washington 2, Philadelphia 1; Atlanta 3, Florida 2; Cincinnati 3, Houston 2; N.Y. Mets 4, Milwaukee 3; Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 2; L.A. Dodgers 9, Colorado 7; Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 2 and San Francisco 4, Arizona 2. □

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In New York, light-hitting New York rookie Ruben Tejada laced a two-run double in the bottom of the ninth to lift the Mets over Milwaukee.

Brewers closer John Axford (8-2) escaped an eighth-inning jam, but Ike Davis opened the ninth with a double. Josh Thole got a one-out single that put runners at the corners and Tejada drove

LEWIS

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Lewis has had off-field issues. He was charged with murder after leading Baltimore to a Super Bowl victory in 2000, but the charges were dropped after Lewis agreed to testify against two other men. He subsequently pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of obstruction of justice. He also was fined \$250,000 by NFL.

Relating to his own experiences, Lewis said he advised Roethlisberger to quickly put his problems behind him.

"If you're trying to please the world, you're going to confuse yourself," Lewis said. "If you're going to worry about what people say about you, you're going to confuse yourself. All you can do is move on, live on. ... Don't let nobody pull you back into it, don't let nobody make you keep talking about it. Once it's done, it's done."

Roethlisberger also has talked with and exchanged messages with teammates, including Hines Ward, while suspended. But he is not permitted to discuss team issues. He has been training with a quarterback coach, throwing to receivers and working out to remain in game shape.

He has not played since a Sept. 2 preseason game against Carolina, and cannot play again until Oct. 17 against Cleveland. The Steelers don't play next week, but Roethlisberger can resume practicing then. □

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AL Roundup

Yankees, Rays both clinch playoff berths

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TORONTO (AP) — The New York Yankees clinched their 15th postseason berth in the past 16 years with a 6-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday.

New York starter C.C. Sabathia (21-7) allowed one run in 8 1-3 innings to match Andy Pettitte's 21 wins in 1996 and 2003 for the most victories by a Yankee since Ron Guidry got 22 in 1985. Sabathia, who struck out eight, has a career record of 5-1 with a 2.39 ERA in six starts at Rogers Centre.

The Yankees have reached the postseason every year but one since 1996, with the absence coming in 2008 when they finished third in the AL East, behind Tampa Bay and Boston.

New York remains half a game behind the Rays in the fight over the honor of AL East winner.

Making his third career start, Toronto's Kyle Drabek (0-3) allowed three runs in six innings.

White Sox 5, Red Sox 4

In Chicago, the home team fought back to beat Boston, as the Red Sox bowed out of playoff contention.

Paul Konerko tied the game in the eighth inning with a run-scoring double and Dayan Viciedo won it with a pinch-hit RBI single in the ninth.

Chris Sale (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win for the White Sox, who snapped a seven-game home losing streak.

Juan Pierre singled with one out in the ninth off Michael Bowden (0-1).

He stole second and third before Mark Teahen walked. Viciedo ended the game with a single.

Royals 10, Twins 1

In Kansas City, Kila Ka'aihue hit two home runs and drove in a career-high four runs as Kansas City thrashed Minnesota.

The Twins have dropped a season-worst five straight since clinching the AL Central title.

Ka'aihue hit a three-run homer in the first off Nick Blackburn (10-11), then led off the second with another long shot for his first career multihomer game.

He almost had a third in the seventh, sending a drive off the right-field bullpen fence for his first big league triple.

Royals starter Sean O'Sullivan (4-6) held the Twins to one run in six-plus innings.

Rays 5, Orioles 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay clinched its a playoff berth by beating Baltimore.

Rays starter David Price pitched eight scoreless innings, allowing only one



New York Yankees celebrate after clinching a playoff spot with a 6-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays in a baseball game in Toronto on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010; and

Tampa Bay Rays' Carlos Pena, Sean Rodriguez, John Jaso, Rafael Soriano and Matt Garza, from left, celebrate on the field after the Rays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-0 in a baseball game to clinch a playoff spot Tuesday night, Sept. 28, 2010, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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runner past second. He struck out eight and walked none in what likely will be his final start of the regular season.

Carl Crawford and Carlos Pena hit solo homers off Orioles starter Brad Bergesen (8-11).

Angels 4, Athletics 2

In Anaheim, Torii Hunter opened the scoring with a



home run and his center field replacement, rookie Peter Bourjos, robbed Landon Powell of a homer to lead Los Angeles over Oakland.

In other AL games it was N.Y.

Yankees 6, Toronto 1; Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 0; Seattle 3, Texas 1; Chicago White Sox 5, Boston 4; Kansas City 10, Minnesota 1; and L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 2.



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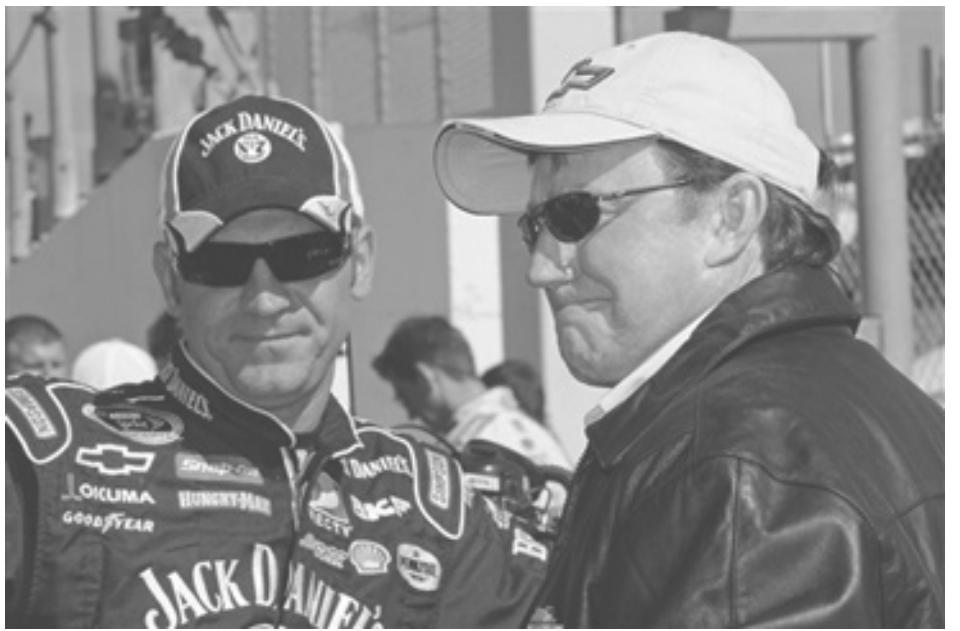
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RCR loses Bowyer appeal to NASCAR committee



This Feb. 14, 2008, file photo shows NASCAR team owner Richard Childress, right, talking with driver Clint Bowyer, left, at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — A NASCAR committee denied Richard Childress Racing's appeal to have Clint Bowyer's championship-ending

penalty reversed, and the team owner vowed Wednesday to fight the decision to the organization's highest level.

Richard Childress emerged from NASCAR's research and

development center after a nearly 5-hour hearing fighting the 150-point penalty levied against Bowyer after the car he drove to victory at New Hampshire failed inspection.

"After so many hours of whatever you want to call this, the ruling stood," the team owner said. "I gave them the check and an appeal notice to the commissioner. We're very disappointed."

Childress said he paid the \$150,000 fine issued to crew chief Shane Wilson, and made a formal request to appeal Wednesday's decision to NASCAR chief appellate officer John Middlebrook, a former General Motors executive.

Bowyer and his RCR team were penalized last Wednesday, three days after his win in the opening race for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. The victory snapped an 88-race winless streak and pushed Bowyer from 12th to second in the standings, 35 points behind Denny Hamlin. The penalty dropped Bowyer

to 12th in the standings, and he currently trails Hamlin by 235 points with eight Chase races remaining. Childress was also docked 150 owners points, and in addition to Wilson's fine, the crew chief also was suspended for six races. Chad Haney, the car chief on Bowyer's No. 33 team, also was suspended for six races.

RCR has maintained that when Bowyer ran out of gas at the end of the New Hampshire race, a tow truck had to push him to Victory Lane and the contact caused the damage that contributed to a failed inspection. Childress brought an accident reconstruction specialist to the hearing, but Dr. Charles Manning of Accident Reconstruction Analysis in Raleigh said the three-member appeals panel was not interested in his presentation.

"They paid no attention to anything I said, which says something about what's going on in there," Manning said. □



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Bruins set to leave for four games in Europe

HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins are optimistic that their trip to Europe will help them bond for the regular season.

They plan to leave right after Wednesday night's exhibition game against the Washington Capitals in Boston. The Bruins will play two more exhibition games, in Belfast on Saturday and Prague on Tuesday. Then they'll open the regular season in Prague with two games against the Phoenix Coyotes on Oct. 9 and 10.

Last season, the Bruins were eliminated in the Eastern Conference semifinals after winning the first three games of the seven-game series against the Philadelphia Flyers, blowing a 3-0 lead and losing 4-3 in the finale. "People asked me questions about what happened," forward Milan Lucic said Wednesday, "so it kind of stays fresh in your mind because people want answers, but it's tough to give answers when I don't even know the answers." At the Bruins' annual media day, forward Mark Recchi



The Boston Bruins skate through center ice during NHL hockey training camp in Boston Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010.

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added: "We can't keep dwelling on something that's happened and you've got to learn from it and get better and be a better person, a better player and a better teammate. If you can do that, we're going to be good, and 12 days together is going to help a lot." Recchi, entering his 23rd NHL season, said he's already played three times in Prague. He's had other games in Russia, Germany and Finland.

The players will have time to see the sights, but their best souvenirs might be four points if they win both games against the Coyotes. "It's still business as usual when it comes to training and doing the right things," Recchi said. "We're going to be together for 12 days and no families, no kids, no distractions. So no excuses."

The trip to Europe breaks the comfortable routine of training camp—along trans-Atlantic flight, a different time zone, unfamiliar practice rinks—but could start a successful season. The Chicago Blackhawks began last season in Finland where they split two games with the Florida Panthers.

Then they returned to North America where they won four of their first five games—and went on to win the Stanley Cup championship. "I think everyone feels like we're right on the cusp," Bruins forward Blake Wheeler said, "and we're excited to, hopefully, take over the top."

The Bruins spent Sunday and Monday training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and feel they bonded well. With forward Tyler Seguin, the second pick in the draft, and newcomers Nathan Horton, Gregory Campbell and Jordan Caron, the team building process grew.

"It's different now than when we first arrived. We know everyone," the 18-year-old Seguin said. "The two days in Vermont helped me bond with guys I haven't really talked to before."

He knew, of course, how last season ended, but he said he didn't watch the final game because he was playing hockey.

Coach Claude Julien doesn't want his players to focus on the playoff failure, but he doesn't want them to forget it either.

"You can't have it weigh you down this year," he said,

"but you've got to keep it in the bank so that at one point you may need to use that as a motivation to make sure it never happens again."

Center David Krejci, who was the Bruins joint top scorer last season with Patrice Bergeron, played for the Czech Republic in this year's Olympics.

"It should be fun," he said. "It was always my dream to play in the NHL and now I can play for my home crowd and in my country."

Wheeler, a Minnesota native, said he's never played outside North America.

"I went to Hawaii once," he said with a smile. "I didn't play hockey, though."

Now they'll all be together—the rookies and the veterans, the frequent flyers and the new travelers, the holdovers from last year's disappointment and the additions who didn't even watch the team unravel.

"You have to move forward. It's something that we can't bring back," captain Zdeno Chara said. "We also have to take it as a challenge so that we have some unfinished business for this year. I think everybody's extremely motivated."

NBA owner praises NHL's hard salary cap

FAIRFAX, Va. — Washington Wizards majority owner Ted Leonsis told local business leaders Wednesday that he expects the NBA soon will have a hard salary cap similar to the NHL's model.

NBA commissioner David Stern said that's not necessarily true—and warned Leonsis could be punished for discussing private league business. The NBA later announced it had fined Leonsis \$100,000 for "unauthorized public comments regarding the league's collective bargaining negotiations."

"We're negotiating and that was one of our negotiating points," Stern told The Associated Press before the fine was announced, "but collective bargaining is a negotiating process, and that was not something that Ted was authorized to say and he will be dealt with for that lapse in judgment." Leonsis, who also owns the Washington Capitals, spoke to a group of Northern Virginia business leaders before the Wizards' daily training camp session. He told them that the more fans a team has, the more they spend on the team, the more the team has a chance to acquire and keep good players.

"In a salary-cap era—and soon a hard salary cap in the NBA like it's in the NHL—if everyone can pay the same amount to the same amount of players, it's the small nuanced differences that matter," he said.

Asked after the speech to clarify his remarks, Leonsis pulled back from the comment, saying he was not authorized to speak about the ongoing NBA labor negotiations, but said he felt the NHL's system "is a good one."

"It's working," he said. "The teams are very, very competitive. There is no way that big market teams can outspend small market teams. So when the season starts everyone thinks their team can compete for the Stanley Cup."

NBA teams currently can exceed the salary cap if they are willing to pay a luxury tax penalty. The league's proposal to the union for a new collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expires next summer included elements of a hard cap, and the players rejected it during last season's All-Star break.

"There's a hard cap in the NFL, there's a hard cap in the NHL, and that was something that was part of our initial proposal," Stern said. "But we're open to a deal and it depends what the deal is." □

Davydenko ousted in 2nd round of Malaysian Open



Igor Andreev of Russia returns a shot against his compatriot Nikolay Davydenko during their second round match at the ATP Malaysian Open tennis tournament in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Defending champion Nikolay Davydenko crashed out of the Malaysian Open in the second round on Wednesday, beaten by fellow Russian

Igor Andreev. Andreev won 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-3 in 2 hours, 47 minutes in stifling heat for his first victory over Davydenko in

seven years.

Davydenko, who got a bye in the first round, looked to be on course for a relatively straightforward victory when he led 5-1 in the first-

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set tiebreak, but Andreev found his range with his forehand and rattled off six points in a row to steal it. Davydenko started the second set on fire, racing to a 5-1 lead, and although Andreev fought back to level it 5-5, Davydenko took the next two games to make it one set apiece. Andreev's more aggressive approach in the decider paid dividends as Davydenko began to wilt in the heat. "I played better than expected and even I'm surprised I won today," the No. 102-ranked Andreev said. "My forehand really paid off today and I think that was the difference between us."

"I got a lot of confidence from my fightback in the first set tiebreak and the second set so I was more confident going into the decider."

I'm really looking forward to playing in the quarterfinals on Friday."

A disappointed Davydenko refused to blame his late arrival to Kuala Lumpur for his defeat but instead said the Wilson balls were not to his liking.

"I'm used to Dunlop balls and found the ones in the tournament not as good," Davydenko said. "But credit to Igor as he was on top of his game and he played better than me. I will have to pick myself up."

Andreev will face fellow qualifier Milos Raonic on Friday after the Canadian beat seventh-seeded Sergiy Stakhovsky 6-7 (8), 7-6 (9), 6-3 to reach his first ATP quarterfinal.

Meanwhile, fourth seed Mikhail Youzhny was made to work hard for his 6-1, 5-7, 7-5 victory over Ukraine's Alexandre Dolgopolov.

Youzhny, who also received a bye in the first round, won an easy first set 6-1, but Dolgopolov upped his game in the second. Both players then held serve in a finely balanced final set until the Russian finally broke his opponent in the 11th game to set up his victory.

"The first set was easy as he (Dolgopolov) made a lot of mistakes. Then in the second set, he played well and I made mistakes. But I'm happy with the way I played overall and hope to play better in the next game," said Youzhny, who had lost to Dolgopolov in the Canadian Masters earlier this season. □

Schiavone overpowers Date Krumm at Pan Pacific

JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — French Open champion Francesca Schiavone beat local favorite Kimiko Date Krumm 6-3, 6-3 to reach the Pan Pacific Open quarterfinals on Wednesday, while top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki cruised in.

Wozniacki overpowered Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia 6-1, 6-2.

Date Krumm beat defending champion Maria Sharapova in the first round and celebrated her 40th birthday on Tuesday with a win over Daniela Hantuchova, but was no match for the fifth-seeded Italian.

Schiavone outhit Date Krumm and broke serve three times in the first set to lead 5-1.

Date Krumm fought back in the second to take a 3-2 lead but was broken in the seventh game and couldn't recover.

"I said to her at the end it was an honor to play her," Schiavone said. "I've followed her career and she's not just a great tennis player, she's a great person. To come back and show the people anything is possible is really inspiring. And today we were playing on the senior tour — we were 70 together!"

Date Krumm, the Tokyo champion in 1995, turned professional in 1989, retired in 1996, and returned to the tour in 2008. Earlier this year, she became the oldest woman to beat a top 10 player when she defeated Dinara Safina at the French Open.

Date Krumm played last week in Seoul and said her busy schedule was a factor in Wednesday's defeat.

"This morning, I felt a little bit tired," she said. "She used a lot of spin and made me run very wide so I ended up tired."

Wozniacki downed Pavlyuchenkova for the fifth straight time — and third time this year — and will meet No. 6 seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in the quarterfinals. Radwanska beat



Japan's Kimiko Date Krumm reacts after she won a match against Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova at Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2010.

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Germany's Andrea Petkovic 6-3, 6-3.

"I feel like I am playing good tennis," Wozniacki said. "Today was a tough match even though the score was 6-1, 6-2. I really had to be focused. Anastasia is a good player."

In other matches, second-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia beat Roberta Vinci of Italy 6-4, 6-0 to set up a quarterfinal against seventh-seeded compatriot Elena Dementieva, who beat another Italian, Flavia Pennetta, 6-4, 6-2.

American qualifier Coco Vandeweghe defeated Germany's Julia Goerges 6-3, 6-0 and will meet eighth-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who advanced when Marion Bartoli of France retired ill after losing the first set 6-2.

Kaia Kanepi of Estonia, the Wimbledon and U.S. Open quarterfinalist, beat third-seeded Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 6-4 to improve to 3-1 against the Serb. Kanepi meets Schiavone in the last eight.

Jankovic has failed to make any quarterfinals since the French Open in early June. □

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Flu pandemic differences produced 'confusion': WHO probe

GENEVA (AFP) – The head of a World Health Organisation probe into the international handling of the swine flu pandemic said Wednesday that multiple definitions of pandemic caused "confusion" and muddled the response.

"This multiplicity has led to confusion and at least produced very different understandings of what the meaning of the field reality is," said Harvey Fineberg, chairman of the review committee of external experts formed in April.

Fineberg said after the third round of hearings by the panel in Geneva that it would consider recommendations seeking "at the minimum" clarity and consistency on the issue.

However, he told journalists

that a system with several definitions that could be applied to different situations might be warranted.

The WHO declared the first flu pandemic of the 21st century in June 2009 as the new A(H1N1) influenza strain spread swiftly around the world less than six weeks after it was first uncovered in the United States and Mexico. It triggered a rash of costly emergency measures to guard against infection and a rush on doctors in some countries, but public concern about swine flu fizzled out later in the year as it proved to be less severe than feared.

A pandemic denotes global geographical spread, according to the WHO, but its flu alert

system is also influenced by concerns about the potential severity of a virus, while some national definitions also differ.

Fineberg, who heads of the Institute of Medicine at the US National Academy of Sciences, said after several months of gathering testimony from a wide range of those involved in the [swine flu crisis](#) that many gaps in detail still had to be filled. The experts, who will hold another public hearing in early November, are aiming to have a draft report ready for the WHO Director General in early January 2011, with the final version released in May, he said. □

Celiac Disease Seems to Be on the Rise, Mainly in Elderly: Study

The autoimmune disorder known as celiac disease appears to be on the rise, particularly among elderly Americans, new research suggests. Researchers from the United States and Italy uncovered evidence that overall incidence rates of the disease -- marked by an intolerance to the protein gluten that is found in wheat, barley and rye -- have been doubling every 15 years since 1974.

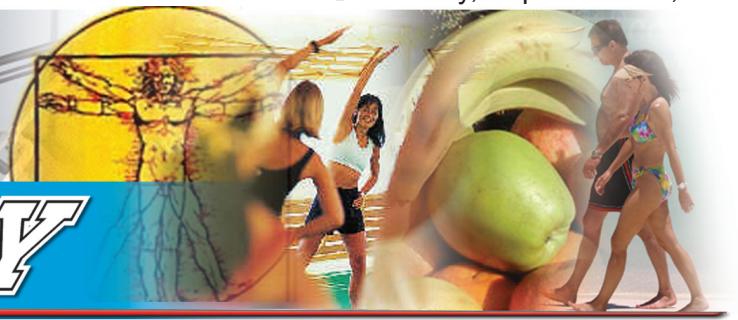
The findings are reported in the Sept. 27 online edition of *Annals of Medicine* by lead author Dr. Carlo Catassi, of the Universita Politecnica delle Marche in Ancona, Italy, who also serves as co-director of the University of Maryland School of Medicine Center for Celiac Research.

The study authors said it's not clear what causes a person to develop the disease. Genetics seem to play a role, and some people are born with it. But, genetic predisposition doesn't always translate into actual illness, because others without a predisposition can develop gluten intolerance. Environmental factors are also believed to figure into the equation, although it's not known why, Catassi and his colleagues said. To get a better handle on the condition, the researchers took blood samples from more than 3,500 adults. The investigators found that the ratio of people who had blood markers for the disease rose continuously from one in every

501 individuals in 1974 to one in 219 by 1989. The researchers also pointed to a 2003 study that placed the incidence rate at approximately one in every 133 Americans.

The researchers also found that as their study participants grew older, the rate of disease went up. This mirrored an earlier Finnish study that suggested that celiac disease appears to be two-and-a-half times more common among the elderly than the general population. This contradicts a previously held notion that gluten intolerance usually takes place during childhood, the researchers said.

"You're not necessarily born with celiac disease," Catassi said in a University of Maryland news release. "Our findings show that some people develop celiac disease quite late in life." Based on their findings, the researchers suggest that doctors be on the lookout for signs of the disease among elderly patients. Symptoms can include diarrhea, intestinal bloating and stomach cramps, and in some cases joint pain, chronic fatigue and depression. If left untreated, the condition can prompt the onset of nutrient absorption issues and small intestine damage, the researchers said. Immune disorders, which strike 5 percent to 8 percent of Americans, are the third most common category of disease -- after cancer and heart disease, the researchers said. □



World Health Organisation (WHO) Director General Margaret Chan (R) listen to Professor Harvey Fineberg, chairman of the committee of experts, at the opening of a health experts meeting at the WHO headquarters in April 2010 in Geneva. The head of a World Health Organisation probe into the international handling of the swine flu pandemic said that multiple definitions of pandemic caused "confusion"

Exercise could cut womb cancer risk by 30 percent

LONDON – Women who regularly work up a sweat exercising have a 30 percent lower risk of developing endometrial cancer, a new study says.

Researchers at the United States' National Cancer Institute analyzed 14 previous studies and found physical activity cuts the risk of endometrial cancer by 20 to 40 percent when compared to sedentary women. The study was published online Wednesday in the *British Journal of Cancer*. It was paid for by the National Cancer Institute.

Scientists have long known that exercise cuts your risk of cancers including the breast, colon, esophagus and kidney. Excess body fat sometimes leads to higher hormone levels, which in turn, may elevate the risk of cancer.

"We already knew that maintaining a healthy body weight is an important way to reduce the risk of womb cancer, but our study showed that physical activity has a protective effect of its own," said Steven Moore of the National Cancer Institute, the study's lead author.

But experts still aren't sure exactly how much physical activity is needed to lower their risk. One study showed more than 20 percent of womb cancers could have been avoided if women had exercised vigorously for about 20 minutes at least five times a week.

In related research, Moore and colleagues also considered past studies that tracked how much time women spent sitting. They found women who sat for more than nine hours a day had double the risk of endometrial cancer compared to women who sat fewer than three hours a day. In developed countries, women have about a 1 in 40 chance of getting womb cancer.

"This new research provides clear evidence that the more active women are — and the less time they spend sitting down — the less likely they are to develop womb cancer," said Sara Hiom, director of health information at Cancer Research U.K. She was not linked to the research. □

Arthur Penn, director of 'Bonnie and Clyde' dies



FILE - In this July 28, 1961 file photo, actress Anne Bancroft, left, producer Fred Coe and director Arthur Penn, right, discuss a scene during a break in filming of 'The Miracle Worker' on location in Middletown, N.J.

(AP Photo/File)

By MIKE STEWART,
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Director Arthur Penn, a myth-maker and myth-breaker who in such classics as "Bonnie and Clyde" and "Little Big Man" refashioned movie and American history and sealed a generation's affinity for outsiders, died Tuesday night, a day after his 88th birthday.

Daughter Molly Penn said her father died at his home, in Manhattan, of congestive heart failure. Longtime friend and business manager Evan Bell said Wednesday that Penn had been ill for about a year and that a memorial service will be held before the end of the year. Penn's older brother was photographer Irving Penn, who died in October 2009.

After first making his name on Broadway as director of the Tony Award-winning plays "The Miracle Worker" and "All the Way Home," Penn rose as a film director in the 1960s, his work inspired by the decade's political and social upheaval, and Americans' interest in their past and present.

"Bonnie and Clyde," with its mix of humor and mayhem, encouraged moviegoers to sympathize with the lawbreaking couple from the 1930s, while "Little Big Man" told the tale of the conquest of the West with the Indians as the good guys.

"A society would be wise to pay attention to the people who do not belong if it wants to find out ... where it's failing," Penn once said.

Penn's other films included his adaptation of "The Miracle Worker," featuring an Oscar-winning performance by Anne Bancroft; "The Missouri Breaks," an outlaw tale starring Marlon Brando and Jack Nicholson; "Night Moves," a Los Angeles thriller featuring Gene Hackman; and "Alice's Restaurant," based on the wry Arlo Guthrie song about being turned down for the draft because he had once been fined for littering. Penn was most identified with "Bonnie and Clyde," although it wasn't a project he initiated or, at first, wanted. Beatty, who earlier starred in Penn's "Mickey One" and produced "Bonnie and Clyde," had to persuade him to take on the film, written by Robert Benton and David Newman and inspired by the movies of the French New Wave. (Francois Truffaut and Jean Luc-Godard each turned down offers to direct the film).

Penn was in his 40s when he made "Bonnie and Clyde," but his heart was very much with the gorgeous stars, played by Beatty and Faye Dunaway, and with the story, as liberal in its politics as it was with the facts — a celebration of individual freedom and an exposé of the banks that had ruined farmers' lives.

Released in 1967, when opposition to the Vietnam War was ballooning and movie censorship crumbling, "Bonnie and Clyde" was shaped by the frenzy of silent comedy, the jarring rhythms of

the French New Wave and the surge of youth and rebellion. The robbers' horrifying death, a shooting gallery that took four days to film and ran for less than a minute, only intensified their appeal.

"I thought that if we were going to show this (violence), we should SHOW it," Penn said in the documentary "A Personal Journey With Martin Scorsese Through American Movies." "We should show what it looks like when somebody gets shot." TV coverage of Vietnam, he added, "was every bit, perhaps even more, bloody than what we were showing on film."

With the glibbiest of promotional tag lines, "They're young ... they're in love ... and they kill people," it was a film that challenged and changed minds. Beatty worked for a reduced fee because the studio, Warner Bros.-Seven Arts, was convinced that "Bonnie and Clyde" would flop. Released in August 1967, then rereleased early in 1968 in response to undying attention, "Bonnie and Clyde" appalled the old and fascinated the young, widening a generational divide not only between audiences, but critics.

The New York Times' Bosley Crowther, then at the end of his career — an end hastened by "Bonnie and Clyde" — snorted that the film was "a cheap piece of bald-faced slapstick comedy that treats the hideous depredations of that sleazy, moronic pair as though they were as full of fun and frolic as the jazz-age cutups in 'Thoroughly Modern Millie.'"

But Pauline Kael, just starting her long reign at The New Yorker, welcomed "Bonnie and Clyde" as a new and vital kind of movie — an opinion now widely shared — and asked, "How do you make a good movie in this country without being jumped on?"

"The accusation that the beauty of movie stars makes the anti-social acts of their characters dangerously attractive is the kind of contrived argument we get from people who are bothered by something and clutching at straws," Kael wrote. "'Bonnie and Clyde' brings into the



FILE - In this Feb. 15, 2007 file photo, U.S. director Arthur Penn winks during a photo-call at the 57th International Film Festival Berlin 'Berlinale' in Berlin where he was awarded the Honorary Golden Bear for his lifetime achievement. Penn, director of such film classics as 'Bonnie and Clyde' and 'Little Big Man,' died Tuesday night Sept. 28, 2010, a day after his 88th birthday.

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber, File)

almost frighteningly public world of movies things people have been feeling and saying and writing about."

The film was nominated for eight Academy Awards, with Estelle Parsons winning for best supporting actress, and is regarded by many as the dawn of a golden age in Hollywood, when the old studio system crumbled and performers and directors such as Penn, Beatty, Robert Altman and Martin Scorsese enjoyed creative control.

Penn, who had fought — and lost to — the studios over the editing of such early films as "The Left Handed Gun" and "The Chase," now was able to realize a long-desired project — an adaptation of "Little Big Man," based on the Thomas Berger novel.

"Originality is filtered out like tar is filtered out of cigarettes," Penn once complained. "I have not had a lot of success with the suits — or the dresses. Executives are executives. They're going to interfere as much as they can."

"('Little Big Man') didn't happen until I had so much clout I sort of made it happen."

None of Penn's other films would have the impact of "Bonnie and Clyde," but the director regarded "Little Big Man," released in 1970, as his greatest success, with Dustin Hoffman playing the 121-year-old lone survivor of Custer's last stand. It was, again, a violent and romantic overturning of the past and an

angry finger pointed at the war and racism of the present.

Penn earned Academy Award nominations for both films and for his first movie, "The Miracle Worker," based on the Broadway show about Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan, played by Bancroft. Among Penn's other stage credits: "All the Way Home," which won both the Tony and Pulitzer Prize in 1961 as best play; "Two for the Seesaw"; the musical version of "Golden Boy"; and "Wait Until Dark."

Penn traced his affinity for alienated heroes and heroines to the trauma of his childhood. Truffaut's film "The 400 Blows," he once said, "was so much like my own childhood it really stunned me."

When he was 3, Penn moved from Philadelphia to New York with his mother after his parents divorced. He and his mother, a nurse who had run a health food store, lived in a succession of apartments in New Jersey and New York City, and the boy attended at least a dozen elementary schools.

At age 14, Penn returned to Philadelphia to live with his ailing father and help him run his watch repairman's shop. "He was an excellent mechanic. ... His hands were magical," Penn said. "But he was an evasive man for someone to try to make contact with. I think I'm like him in some ways. I'm not the most available of men, emotionally or personally."

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BUSINESS

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Stocks slip as European protests worsen debt fears

NEW YORK – Stocks slipped Wednesday as protests against austerity measures in Europe brought new worries about the region's financial system.

The dollar fell further against other currencies on anticipation of more action by the Federal Reserve to push U.S. interest rates down. Gold continued to climb past \$1,300.

European markets fell as demonstrators gathered in Brussels, Spain and Ireland to protest austerity measures aimed at preventing another fiscal crisis that required a bailout of Greece earlier this year. The protests raised concerns that countries like Spain will not be able to implement policies required to heal their bloated public finances.

Kate Warne, investment strategist at Edward Jones in St. Louis, said the protests in Ireland, Spain and France suggest those countries will have trouble implementing austerity measures and that that's spooked markets there.

"Governments will have more difficulty making cuts to get their budgets in order," she said.

U.S. stocks had swooned this spring as a fiscal crisis in Greece appeared to be spreading to other weak European economies like Portugal and Spain. A relative calm in European markets since then has allowed U.S. stocks to rise sharply.

Schlumberger Ltd., Occidental Petroleum Corp. and other companies rose after the price of crude oil jumped on news that inventories

fell last week. Benchmark crude for November delivery rose \$1.51 to \$77.68 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Wednesday's decline in U.S. stocks marked another pause in a monthlong rally that has made this September one of the strongest for U.S. stocks in history.

With only two trading days left this month, the Dow Jones industrial average is on track for its best September since 1939 with a gain of 8.3 percent so far. It's still up only 4 percent for the year.

Trading was relatively subdued with no major economic reports or corporate earnings due out Wednesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 17.64, or 0.2 percent, to 10,840.50 in afternoon trading. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 2.32, or 0.2 percent, to 1,145.38, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 5.62, or 0.2 percent, to 2,373.97. Rising stocks narrowly outpaced falling ones on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 490 million shares.

Bond prices edged lower. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged up to 2.49 percent from 2.47 percent late Tuesday.

There's a growing certainty within the bond market that the Federal Reserve will attempt to spur economic activity through pushing long-term interest rates down further. To do that, the Fed would buy more Treasurys, lifting bond prices and lowering yields. □



The American International Group (AIG) building is seen in New York's financial district March 16, 2009.

By Paritosh Bansal

NEW YORK (Reuters) – American International Group Inc is seeing its plans to free itself of U.S. government support start to come together two years after it was bailed out and expects taxpayers to profit from their investment. AIG is close to finalizing a

plan for the government to sell its stake in the insurer, which would see the Treasury Department convert \$49 billion of preferred stake into common shares to be sold over time, Chairman Steve Miller said on Wednesday. AIG also is close to finalizing a deal to sell two life insurance units in



FILE - In this file photo taken Sept. 20, 2010, trader Gregg Maloney looks up at his screens while working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Stock futures are slightly lower Wednesday, Sept. 29, amid deepening worries about European countries' ability to cut their heavy debt loads.

(AP Photo/David Goldman, File)

AIG's Miller says U.S. may profit on bailout

Japan to Prudential Financial Inc for about \$4.8 billion in cash, a source familiar with the matter said.

The developments show AIG is making significant progress in disentangling itself from the government, although it still has a long way to go before the taxpayers get paid back in full for their \$182.3 billion rescue package.

An announcement of the repayment plan, which another source said could come within days, would also mark a big win for the government at a crucial time. The \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, set up amid the 2008 financial crisis expires on Sunday and the United States is set to go to polls for mid-term elections in November. □

AIG has not drawn on all the assistance and needs to pay back around \$100 billion, with the money going to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Treasury. The government also owns nearly 80 percent of AIG.

"We want to get the total to zero," Miller told reporters on the sidelines of a conference. "If we are successful and do as well as we hope then actually the government would have walked away with a big profit."

AIG shares were up 1.4 percent at \$37.83 on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday afternoon.

BOARD MEETING

The insurer's board is meeting later on Wednesday to discuss the exit plan, Miller said at the Dow Jones Private Equity

Analyst conference in New York.

Miller, a corporate turnaround specialist who took over as chairman of the company in July, said that talks with the government were nearing a conclusion that could be a "win-win" deal for stakeholders.

But he pointed to complexity of negotiations, saying the plan had to work for several different parties like the Treasury, the Fed, the trust that holds the Treasury's stake as well as the ratings agencies.

"We are talking to several different parties in the government. And we are working off documents that were created with care but with haste two years ago when the world was falling apart," Miller said. □

Google gives Gmail users more control over inboxes

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE,
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – Google Inc. is addressing one of the biggest complaints about its free e-mail service by giving people more control over how their inboxes are organized.

The new option announced Wednesday will allow Gmail users to choose whether they prefer their incoming messages stacked in chronological order, instead of having them threaded together as part of the same electronic conversation.

Gmail has been automatically grouping messages

by topic or senders since Google rolled out the service six years ago.

But this so-called “conversation view” confused or frustrated many Gmail users who had grown accustomed to seeing all their newest messages at the top of the inbox followed by the older correspondence. After all, that’s how most other e-mail programs work.

The complaints grew loud enough to persuade Google to revise the Gmail settings so users can turn off conversation view and unravel their messages.

“We really hoped everyone would learn to love

conversation view, but we came to realize that it’s just not right for some people,” Google software engineer Doug Chen wrote in a Wednesday blog post.

The aversion to conversation view doesn’t seem to be widespread. Gmail ended July with nearly 186 million worldwide users, a 22 percent increase from the same time a year ago, according to the research firm comScore Inc. Both Microsoft’s Windows Live Hotmail (nearly 346 million users) and Yahoo’s e-mail (303 million users) are larger, but aren’t growing nearly as rapidly as Gmail. □

Nintendo cuts profit, 3DS not ready for Christmas



A visitor operates a Nintendo 3DS featuring 3-D imagery during a press conference by Nintendo Co. President Satoru Iwata where he launches the new game machine in Chiba near Tokyo, Japan, Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2010. Nintendo's 3DS game machine packed with glasses-free 3-D technology goes on sale in February in Japan, and March in Europe and the U.S., not in time for year-end shopping, the company said Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Shuji Kajiyama)

By YURI KAGEYAMA,
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CHIBA, Japan – Nintendo slashed its earnings forecast by more than half Wednesday after announcing that its 3DS game machine, packed with glasses-free 3-D technology, won’t be ready to go on sale for Christmas.

Nintendo now expects 90 billion yen (\$1 billion) in profit for the year through March 2011, down from an initial projection of 200 billion yen (\$2.4 billion) profit.

The 3DS will go on sale in February in Japan, and March in Europe and the U.S., missing the year-end shopping season which is a critical time for all game-makers to rake in profits.

Kyoto-based Nintendo Co. had promised the 3DS for sometime before April next year, and so the announcement is not technically a delay. But its forecasts had assumed the machine would be on sale sooner.

Nintendo said the strong yen, which reduces profits from overseas sales when brought back to Japan, and the timing of the 3DS launch

were behind its decision to lower projections for the fiscal year.

For the year through March 2011, Nintendo expects to sell 23.5 million DS machines, including 4 million 3DS, down from its earlier forecast for 30 million. It sold 27 million DS machines the previous fiscal year.

The latest revision shows that even Nintendo, which has stood up fairly well among Japanese exporters in hard times, is getting battered by the surging yen. Nintendo had counted dollar trading near 85 yen. The dollar has recently dived below 85 yen.

Nintendo President Satoru Iwata said 3DS will cost 25,000 yen (\$300) in Japan, where it will hit stores Feb. 26. Overseas prices and specific dates will be announced later.

Hirokazu Hamamura, president of Enterbrain Inc., a major Tokyo game-industry publisher, said he was surprised by the release date because of widespread rumors the 3DS would hit stores in time for year-end and New Year’s — a booming shopping time in Japan because children get cash gifts from relatives during the holidays.

He said Nintendo is likely taking time to perfect the technology, as well as giving more time to outside software developers to come up with games.

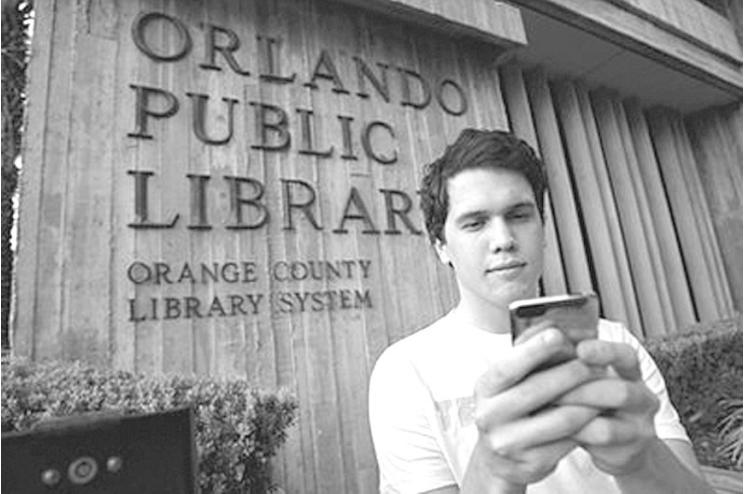
“There is an element of awe in 3-D that’s really important for games. They are all about entertainment,” Hamamura said.

The portable machine looks much like the DS machines now on sale, and has two panels. The top panel shows 3-D imagery, giving players a relatively immediate illusion of virtual reality — such as a puppy licking the screen that appears to live inside the machine.

The 3-D games don’t require the special glasses that are needed for 3-D theater movies or 3-D home-console games like rival Sony Corp.’s PlayStation 3. They also don’t need 3-D TV sets.

Iwata said the drawback for 3-D technology was that the appeal of the feature can’t be conveyed easily in TV or magazine ads.

Fears have also been growing about the health effects of too much 3-D as some people have gotten sick looking at 3-D movies or playing 3-D games. □



Hillard Goodspeed uses an iPod application called ‘shake it’, to find reading suggestions at the Orlando Public Library in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

Libraries launch apps to sync with iPod generation

By JEANNIE NUSS,
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GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS, Ohio – Libraries are tweeting, texting and launching smart-phone apps as they try to keep up with the biblio-techs — a computer-savvy class of people who consider card catalogs as vintage as typewriters. And they seem to be pulling it off.

Since libraries started rebranding themselves for the iPod generation, thousands of music geeks have downloaded free songs from library websites. And with many more bookworms waiting months to check out wireless reading devices, libraries are shrugging off the notion that the Internet shelved them alongside dusty books.

“People tend to have this antiquated version of libraries, like there’s not much more inside than books and microfiche,” says Hiller Goodspeed, a 22-year-old graphic designer in Orlando, Fla., who uses the Orange County Library System’s iPhone app to discover foreign films.

The latest national data from the Institute of Museum and Library Services show that library visits and circulation climbed nearly 20 percent from 1999 to 2008.

Since then, experts say, technology has continued to drive in-person visits, circulation and usage.

“It also brings people back to the library that might have left thinking that the library wasn’t relevant for them,” says Chris Tonjes, the information technology director at the public library in Washington, D.C. Public library systems have provided free Internet access and lent movies and music for years. They have a good track record of syncing up with past technological advances, from vinyl to VHS.

“They’ve always had competition,” says Roger Levien, a strategy consultant in Stamford, Conn., who also serves as an American Library Association fellow. “Bookstores have existed in the past. I’m sure they will find ways to adapt.” □

ARTHUR PENN

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He was no filmgoer as a child; books and baseball mattered more. Penn was frightened by a horror picture when he was 5 and said he did not see another movie until his teens, when Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" "staggered" him.

Along with Welles and Charlie Chaplin, Penn greatly admired Akira Kurosawa and the French New Wave directors, especially Truffaut and Jean-Luc Godard.

He was known for allowing actors to improvise — and getting a wide range of expression from them in return. He believed words are to the theater as action is to film: "A look, a simple look, will do it."

Penn's 1960s success was bracketed by frustration. Early in his career, he was so angered by how Warner Bros. changed "The Left Handed Gun," a Western released in 1958, that he stopped making movies for years and turned to Broadway. He was fired from "The Train," a 1964 film, over disagreements with the lead actor, Burt Lancaster. And none of his later works found favor at the box office, though several — "Night Moves" (1975), "The Missouri Breaks" (1976) and "Four Friends" (1981) — won critical acclaim.

He decided to live in New York, rather than Los Angeles, as Hollywood soured on his social vision. Broadway, too, seemed increasingly drawn to blockbuster musicals rather than serious drama, further marginalizing Penn.

"It was frustrating and more than a little humiliating," Penn told The New York Times.

"It's not that I've drifted away from film," he said in another interview. "I'm very drawn to film, but I'm not sure that film is drawn to me."

Arthur Hiller Penn was born in Philadelphia Sept. 27, 1922, the son of Harry and Sonia Penn and brother of Irving Penn. Although both sons were involved in the visual arts, Arthur Penn later said that he saw little in common in their work and rarely discussed it. (Beatty would claim the director was influenced profoundly by his brother, known for a spare, but dramatic style.)

He joined the Army during World War II, formed a dramatic troupe at Fort Jackson, S.C., was often in trouble for behaving disrespectfully to his superiors and was in an infantry unit that fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he studied literature in Italy for two years, then returned to New York, where he found work as a floor manager on NBC-TV's "Colgate Comedy Hour."

By the early 1950s, Penn was writing and directing TV dramas. In 1956, he debuted as a Broadway director, but "The Lovers" closed after just four days.

As a boy, Penn had little success learning the watchmaker's trade from his father, who died without having seen any of his son's films.

"He went to his grave despairing I would never find my way in the world," the director said, "and the movies rescued me."

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Could 'Goldilocks' planet be just right for life?



This undated handout artist rendering provided by Lynette Cook, National Science Foundation, shows a new planet, right. Astronomers have found a planet that is in the Goldilocks zone — just right for life. Not too hot, not too cold. Not too far from its sun, not too close. And it is near Earth — relatively speaking, at 120 trillion miles. It also makes scientists think that these examples of habitable planets are far more common than they thought.

(AP Photo/Zina Deretsky, National Science Foundation)

By SETH BORENSTEIN,

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WASHINGTON —

Astronomers say they have for the first time spotted a planet beyond our own in what is sometimes called the Goldilocks zone for life: Not too hot, not too cold. Juuuust right.

Not too far from its star, not too close. So it could contain liquid water. The planet itself is neither too big nor too small for the proper surface, gravity and atmosphere.

It's just right. Just like Earth. "This really is the first Goldilocks planet," said co-discoverer R. Paul Butler of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

The new planet sits smack in the middle of what astronomers refer to as the habitable zone, unlike any of the nearly 500 other planets astronomers have found outside our solar system. And it is in our galactic neighborhood, suggesting that plenty of Earth-like planets circle other stars.

Finding a planet that could potentially support life is a major step toward answering the timeless question: Are we alone?

Scientists have jumped the gun before on proclaiming that planets outside our solar system were habitable only to have them turn out to be not quite so conducive to

life. But this one is so clearly in the right zone that five outside astronomers told The Associated Press it seems to be the real thing.

"This is the first one I'm truly excited about," said Penn State University's Jim Kasting. He said this planet is a "pretty prime candidate" for harboring life.

Life on other planets doesn't mean E.T. Even a simple single-cell bacteria or the equivalent of shower mold would shake perceptions about the uniqueness of life on Earth.

But there are still many unanswered questions about this strange planet. It is about three times the mass of Earth, slightly larger in width and much closer to its star — 14 million miles away versus 93 million. It's so close to its version of the sun that it orbits every 37 days. And it doesn't rotate much, so one side is almost always bright, the other dark.

Temperatures can be as hot as 160 degrees or as frigid as 25 degrees below zero, but in between — in the land of constant sunrise — it would be "shirt-sleeve weather," said co-discoverer Steven Vogt of the University of California at Santa Cruz. It's unknown whether water actually exists on the planet, and what kind of atmosphere it has. But because conditions are ideal for liquid water, and

because there always seems to be life on Earth where there is water, Vogt believes "that chances for life on this planet are 100 percent."

The astronomers' findings are being published in *Astrophysical Journal* and were announced by the National Science Foundation on Wednesday.

The planet circles a star called Gliese 581. It's about 120 trillion miles away, so it would take several generations for a spaceship to get there. It may seem like

a long distance, but in the scheme of the vast universe, this planet is "like right in our face, right next door to us," Vogt said in an interview.

That close proximity and the way it was found so early in astronomers' search for habitable planets hints to scientists that planets like Earth are probably not that rare.

Vogt and Butler ran some calculations, with giant fudge factors built in, and figured that as much as one out of five to 10 stars in the

universe have planets that are Earth-sized and in the habitable zone.

With an estimated 200 billion stars in the universe, that means maybe 40 billion planets that have the potential for life, Vogt said. However, Ohio State University's Scott Gaudi cautioned that is too speculative about how

common these planets are.

Vogt and Butler used ground-based telescopes to track the star's precise movements over 11 years and watch for wobbles that indicate planets are circling it. The newly discovered planet is actually the sixth found circling Gliese 581. Two looked promising for habitability for a while, another turned out to be too hot and the fifth is likely too cold. This sixth one bracketed right in the sweet spot in between, Vogt said.

With the star designated "a," its sixth planet is called Gliese 581g.

"It's not a very interesting name and it's a beautiful planet," Vogt said. Unofficially, he's named it after his wife: "I call it Zarmina's World."

The star Gliese 581 is a dwarf, about one-third the strength of our sun. Because of that, it can't be seen without a telescope from Earth, although it is in the Libra constellation, Vogt said.

But if you were standing on this new planet, you could easily see our sun, Butler said.

The low-energy dwarf star will live on for billions of years, much longer than our sun, he said. And that just increases the likelihood of life developing on the planet, the discoverers said.

"It's pretty hard to stop life once you give it the right conditions," Vogt said. □

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Proponen facultar a Chávez para legislar tras comicios Venezuela

CARACAS (Reuters) - Diputados del oficialismo propusieron el miércoles otorgar en los próximos meses poderes especiales al presidente Hugo Chávez para legislar en Venezuela, luego de que unos cruciales comicios parlamentarios anticiparon el equilibrio de fuerzas políticas en la Asamblea Nacional.

El oficialismo requería alcanzar 99 diputados para aprobar sin trabas una Ley Habilitante en el 2011, pero el conteo final del Consejo Nacional Electoral (CNE) le otorgó 97 curules frente a 65 escaños de la oposición, lo que adelanta la puja por transferir poderes al Ejecutivo.

“Si el presidente desea solicitar una Habilitante, él lo evaluará como Jefe de Estado. No lo ha planteado, pero aquí estamos, somos soldados de esta Revolución y garantizamos que no va a haber escuálido (oppositor) que se monte a sabotear el proceso”, dijo Iris Varela, diputada reelecta, en declaraciones al canal oficial de televisión.

Una reunión con la presidenta del actual Parlamento, Cilia Flores, fue fijada para la tarde del miércoles con el fin de tratar el asunto y tomar una decisión conjunta en la

Asamblea Nacional dominada casi plenamente por diputados oficialistas.

Expertos consultados por un diario nacional confirmaron que es posible jurídicamente solicitar una ley que le dé poderes especiales a Chávez, popularmente llamada ley Habilitante, que se prolongue hasta el próximo período legislativo, pues la Constitución venezolana no especifica límites de tiempo ni de materias al conferir este tipo de facultades.

La votación en las elecciones parlamentarias celebradas el domingo en Venezuela reveló la equivalencia de fuerzas de la oposición y el oficialismo, según el conteo oficial que dio a conocer el CNE la noche del martes.

El diputado Mario Isea, también del oficialista Partido Socialista Unido de Venezuela (PSUV), manifestó su apoyo a la idea de ejecutar un plan alternativo para dar poderes al presidente.

La oposición se retiró de las anteriores elecciones parlamentarias, lo cual dejó el hemiciclo completamente en manos del oficialismo, facilitando la promulgación de decenas de leyes con orientación socialista.



Imagen de archivo del presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, saludando a sus partidarios en Caracas. Sep 26 2010 Diputados del oficialismo propusieron el miércoles otorgar en los próximos meses poderes especiales al presidente Hugo Chávez para legislar en Venezuela, luego de que unos cruciales comicios parlamentarios anticiparon el equilibrio de fuerzas políticas en la Asamblea Nacional. REUTERS/Jorge Silva/ARCHIVO

Con 97 de 165 diputados, los seguidores del presidente Hugo Chávez tienen una mayoría contundente en la Asamblea Nacional que comenzará a ejercer en el 2011, pero esa proporción no se reproduce en cuanto a voto popular debido a cambios legales que terminaron sobre representando el sufragio rural.

Desde la noche del domingo, ambos bandos se han atribuido la victoria popular, tras lo cual el presidente Chávez dijo el lunes que seguirá profundizando el socialismo en Venezuela.

Según el conteo de votos lista, el oficialismo se alzó ligeramente por encima de la oposición con el 48,9 por ciento de los sufragios totales, lo que significa 5,45 millones de votos contra 5,33 millones de la coalición adversaria (47,9 por ciento), de acuerdo a los datos del CNE.

No obstante, para el Parlamento Latinoamericano -que incluye los sufragios en el exterior- la oposición resultó ganadora con el 49 por ciento, lo que le otorga una leve ventaja al totalizar 5,37 millones de votos frente a 5,27 millones del oficialismo (48,1 por ciento), precisó. □

Sismo magnitud 4,9 sacude zona central de Chile

SANTIAGO (Reuters) - Un sismo de mediana intensidad sacudió pasado el mediodía del miércoles la zona central de Chile, lo que generó cierta alarma en la población, mientras edificios oscilaron en la capital.

El Servicio Geológico de Estados Unidos (USGS) reportó que el sismo alcanzó una magnitud de 4,9 y se ubicó unos 120 kilómetros al suroeste de la capital chilena. El movimiento ocurrió casi una semana después de un temblor de similares características y siete meses después del devastador terremoto y posteriores tsunamis que sacudieron la zona central y sur de Chile, dejando más de 500 muertos, medio centenar de desaparecidos y millonarias pérdidas.

Las minas de cobre El Teniente y Andina del estatal Codelco, que se ubican en la zona central del país, operaban el miércoles sin problemas tras el sismo, dijo un portavoz de la compañía. □

Dominicana estudiará yacimiento petrolero

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) - Las autoridades de minería de República Dominicana anunciaron el miércoles que buscarán apoyo de empresas extranjeras para explorar un yacimiento de petróleo recién descubierto.

El depósito de crudo se encontraría cerca de la localidad de Higüey, 160 kilómetros al oriente de la capital, y fue descubierta por campesinos de la zona, según indicó el director de Minería, Octavio López.

El funcionario anunció el miércoles que se estableció un pre acuerdo con la compañía británica MDOil Limited, que tiene operaciones en varias de las Antillas menores, para que realice estudios geológicos que determinen la factibilidad de la eventual exploración.

La contratación de MDOil Limited depende aún de que el acuerdo sea aprobado por el poder Ejecutivo.

El hallazgo del yacimiento fue anunciado por López la semana pasada, luego de que

estudios del laboratorio Geochemical Services determinaron la calidad del crudo de la zona de Higüey.

De ser ratificado el contrato con MDOil Limited, la compañía británica presentaría los resultados de sus estudios en un periodo de seis meses.

Tras el hallazgo del yacimiento, la Cámara de Diputados declaró el martes de “alto interés nacional” la realización de estudios y exploraciones para determinar si existen posibilidades de explotación petrolera en el área. Con un consumo de 155.000 barriles de petróleo al día, República Dominicana debe importar los hidrocarburos que consume ya que no cuenta con fuentes propias de explotación. El gobierno dominicano ha realizado en las últimas tres décadas, mediante la contratación de firmas extranjeras, diversos estudios para buscar yacimientos de petróleo. Ninguno ha dado resultados concluyentes. □



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